

**Gathered Together by God to Grow and Go Out!**

**April 14, 2024**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Sunday Worship In-Person and Online at Facebook and YouTube**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin**

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**+ GATHERING +**

**CALL AND RESPONSE** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed!**

P: Our God has done this.

**C: We are amazed!**

P: This is the day that God has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad!**

## GATHERING HYMN *(please stand as you are able)*

### O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P:** Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P:** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen!**

P: Look here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace.*

*If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.*

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## Kyrie eleison

*Refrain*




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the  
2 That we may live out your im -  
3 For peace in our hearts, for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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## **GREETING**

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Holy Lord, your followers gave to your children something more powerful and more valuable than riches. They gave healing and hope. Bring healing and hope into our world and show us evidence of your presence in our lives.

**C: Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:1-10**

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**ACCLAMATION** (*please stand as you are able*)

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:53-56**

After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Sara Gillespie**

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

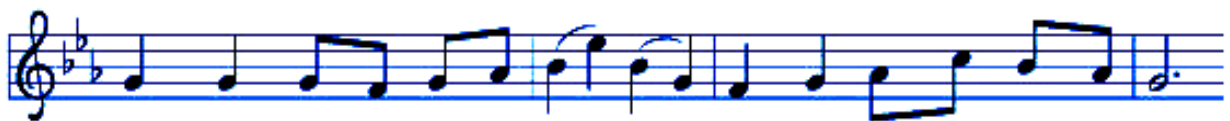


HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand as you are able)*

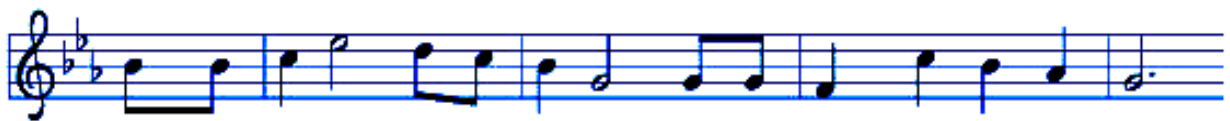
## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



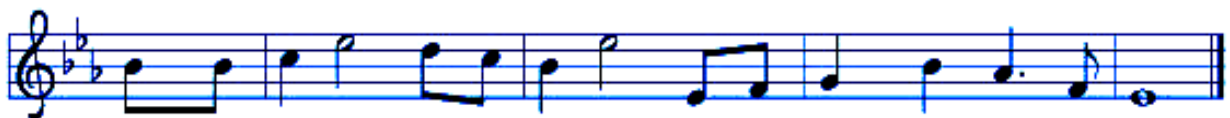
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

A: Let us profess our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(please be seated)*

*We will sing the song responsively after each petition is offered.*

*Please sing a new verse each time the song is sung.*

*We offer prayers during this time of meditation and singing. As a way of practicing our faith, you are invited to offer ways in which you experience the seeking and granting of forgiveness during the prayers of the people.*

*If you have prayers you would like to have offered up during this time, please place names and concerns on a prayer request card and hand it to a welcome team member. **If you are joining us for worship online please begin typing names in the comment section so we might pray continuously during worship.***

## Hear Our Prayer *Prayer Response*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## MISSION MOMENT AND OFFERING

*We give thanks for our continued offerings that invest in God's work in and through St Mark's. You may mail your offering to church (424 Hyde Park Ave Waukesha WI 53188); if you prefer to give digitally, follow this [link](#). If you'd like to text your contribution, please use this number: (262) 383-2338. We are very grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God, the giver of all things.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950  
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

DIALOG

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*The table of Holy Communion is inclusive, all people are welcome to receive this free gift of God. You will be invited by welcome team members to come forward down the center aisle. Bread is distributed at the center, with gluten free options at request. Your choice of grape juice or wine is available to you as you move toward either direction to return to your seats. Baskets for your empty cups are in the aisles as you return to your seats. If you need to have communion brought to you, please let a welcome team member know and the pastor or the assisting minister will commune you in your seat.*

**Prayer Partners** (wearing a red badge) are available for confidential prayer for yourself or others in the front and back of the sanctuary.

## EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

### TABLE BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

**C: Amen**



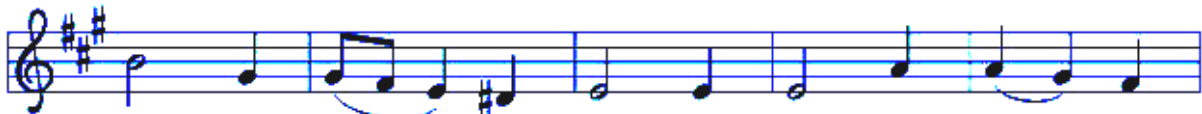


# SENDING HYMN

## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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## DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen. St Mark's Lutheran Church**

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**Interim Pastor: Sara Gillespie** ([sara.gillespie06@gmail.com](mailto:sara.gillespie06@gmail.com), (920-214-3132)

*Pastor Sara's Sabbath Day is Monday.*

**Deacon: Marcia Marquardt** ([marcia1@wi.rr.com](mailto:marcia1@wi.rr.com), 262-784-2062)

*Deacon Marcia's Sabbath Day is Friday.*

**Music Director: Jennifer Manvilla**

**Assisting Minister: Susan Cyr**

**Sunday School** is held on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month from February through April, and 1st and 3rd Sundays in May. Children will be excused for the class after the "Children's Time with the Pastor" within worship.

**Join others for conversation and treats at the Coffee Hour** after worship today in the fellowship hall.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **Where to find information:**

- [Welcome2stmarks.com](http://Welcome2stmarks.com)
- [facebook.com/welcome2stmarks](https://facebook.com/welcome2stmarks)
- [Youtube.com](https://Youtube.com) (Search St. Mark's Waukesha)
- Church email address is: [welcome2stmarks@gmail.com](mailto:welcome2stmarks@gmail.com)
- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact Marcia at [marcia1@wi.rr.com](mailto:marcia1@wi.rr.com))
- Prayer Chain Requests to Lana DeCoto at [lrdécoto@gmail.com](mailto:lrdécoto@gmail.com).

**Church Keys** - If you have a key for the building, and no longer use it, please return it to the office. We need keys for new volunteers - thank you - Debbie Wagner

**Deadline for May/June Newsletter:** Please submit photos and articles to [stmarkslookout@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkslookout@gmail.com) by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 18.

##### **Earth Day Fox River Walk on April 21:**

Location: North of Target on Sunset, by the Fox River Trail

Target Address: 1250 W Sunset Drive, Waukesha, WI 53189

Time: Sunday, April 21 at 11:30am.

We will gather for a short discussion about Earth Day, go for a walk down and up the Fox River Boardwalk, and have a sandwich after. The walk can be as short or long as each individual would like. We want to enjoy and appreciate nature, not break our

personal records. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring along a water bottle. Reach out to Jeremy Bjerke (jerbjer@gmail.com) for any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE for the MET Informational Meetings!** Our next meeting with the congregation will be an informational meeting to review the completed Ministry Site Profile (MSP). That meeting will take place on **Sunday, April 28th at 10:45 am**. One week later, **May 5th**, two representatives from our synod will visit our congregation to discuss the MSP and let us know what the next steps will be in calling a new pastor for St. Mark's. More information will be sent to all members via mail and email during the last two weeks of April.

The MET members would like to thank everyone for sharing their thoughtful comments and ideas during the past few months. We appreciate your patience and your prayers during the next months as we go through this process together.

**MET Members:** Pastor Sara Gillespie, Brian Trautman - Chair, Karen Handford, Cathy Hernandez, Mary Johnson, Frank Remfrey, Kelly Colgrove, Lisa Salb. Additional comments can be emailed to: [metstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:metstmarks@gmail.com)

**Zoom Meeting Numbers:** **Faith Formation Gatherings** Zoom: 817 7030 6574, **Church Meetings** Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcodes.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

- Sunday Worship at 9:30 am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Pastor Sara Gillespie preaching

### **MONDAY, APRIL 15**

- Quilting at 8:30 am in fellowship hall

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

- Staff meeting at 10:00am
- Stewardship team meeting at 11:00am
- Still Waters Run Deep discipleship huddle at 1:00pm on Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

- Ruth Circle at 1:00pm in fellowship hall
- Zoom Bible Study at 3:45pm on Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.
- Confirmation class at 6:45pm in sanctuary

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

- Hybrid Bible Study at 10:00am in fellowship hall AND Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.
- Lookout articles deadline by 5:00pm in [stmarkslookout@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkslookout@gmail.com)
- SOPHIA team meeting at 6:00pm

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

- Dwell in the Word small group at 1:00pm in fellowship hall

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Pastor Sara Gillespie preaching
- Earth Day Fox River Walk at 11:30pm at North of Target on Sunset, by the Fox River Trail

# Pass the Glow on!

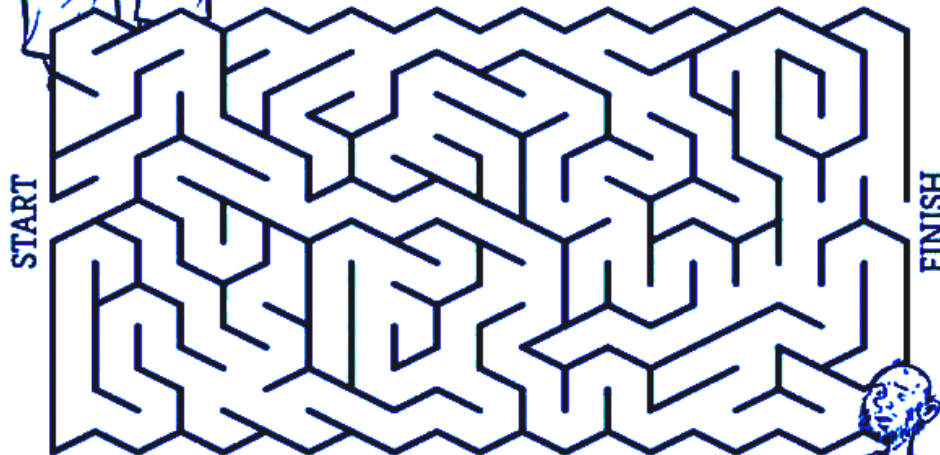
Read Acts 3 verses 1-10.  
Can you find all the listed words?  
Words may go up, down, forwards or backwards.

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|-------|-----------|
| GOLD  | SILVER    |
| JOHN  | BEGGAR    |
| LAME  | HEALING   |
| WALK  | APOSTLES  |
| JESUS | CRIPPLED  |
| PETER | BEAUTIFUL |

B	W	X	L	A	M	E	H	Z
E	C	R	I	P	P	L	E	D
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U	Z	G	Q	S	W	A	L	K
T	O	G	N	L	A	A	I	L
I	R	E	T	E	P	X	N	N
F	W	B	K	S	L	V	G	H
U	P	R	E	V	L	I	S	O
L	Q	J	E	S	U	S	U	J



Help Peter & John reach the lame man.



**GLOW WITH GOD**