

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,

so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

¹ [Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

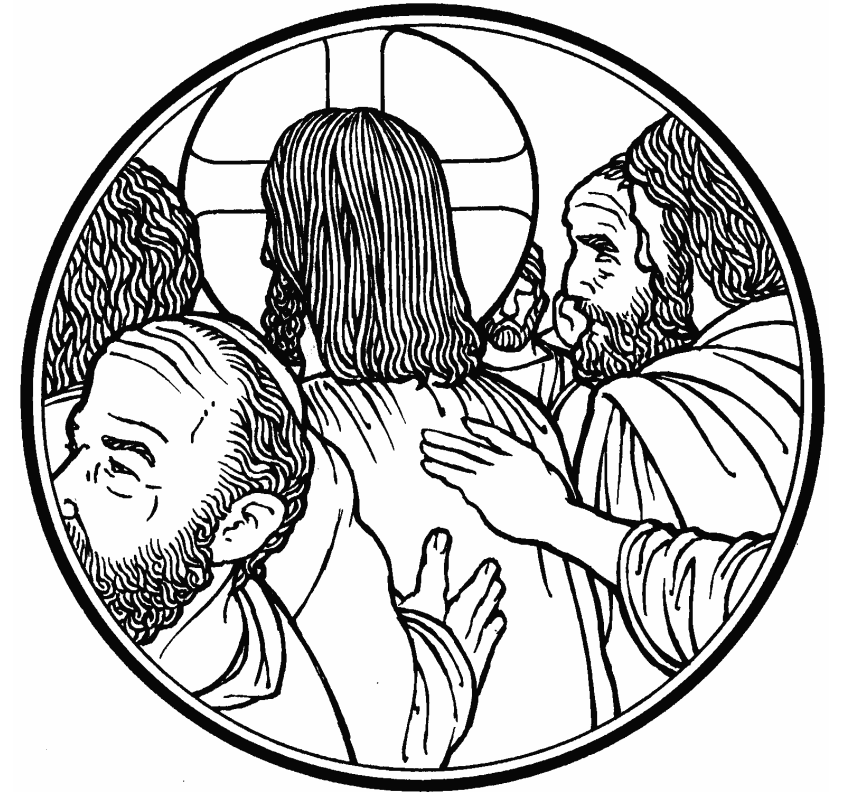
⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *July missions of the month, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and Vicar Luke Konkel.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *Jean Estrello, recovering from surgery at home.*
- *Bob Koepke, recovering from heart surgery at home.*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill, diagnosed with cancer.*
- *Zach, friend of Emmanuel members, for healing.*
- *Eric Payne, son of Jerry and Betty Payne, recovering from surgery.*
- *Karl Eippert, recovering from a broken hip.*
- *Joan Eippert, receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *Jayne Cotter, receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb, diagnosed with brain cancer.*
- *Mike Grisolono, relative of Sandy and Dean Korb, recovering at home.*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann, battling cancer.*
- *Tom Rozegnal, grandfather of Lorraine Harrill, receiving radiation treatment.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *Please also keep in prayer*
 - our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;
 - Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;
 - Matthew Harrison, synod president;
 - the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;
 - our circuit congregation, St. John in Sherman Center and Rev. Christopher Gillespie;
 - our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and
 - our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two...
So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.*

Mark 6:7a, 12

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

THE MINISTERS OF CHRIST ARE SENT WITH HIS AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS AND GIVE LIFE

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: *“Thus says the Lord GOD,”* whether the people *“hear or refuse to hear”* (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus *“went about among the villages teaching”* (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, *“many who heard him were astonished,”* marveling at His wisdom and at the *“mighty works done by his hands,”* and yet, *“they took offense at him”* (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His *“authority over the unclean spirits”* (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, *“cast out many demons”* and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ *“is made perfect in weakness”* (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Mark 6:14a** “King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known.”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — *LSB #743 — “Jesus Priceless Treasure”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** *Judg. 3:7-31; Acts 13:42-52* **T:** *Judg. 4:1-24; Acts 14:1-18* **W:** *Judg. 6:1-24; Acts 14:19—15:5* **Th:** *Judg. 6:25-40; Acts 15:6-21* **F:** *Judg. 7:1-23; Gal. 1:1-24* **Sat:** *Judg. 13:1-25; Gal. 2:1-21* **Sun:** *Judg. 14:1-20; Gal. 3:1-22*

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Pentecost 8 (July 14, 2024):*

Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29; Psalm 85:8-13

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 7, 2024

Greeters — *Buchholz Family*

Elder — *Todd Graf*; Usher — *Jeff Ourada*

Altar Guild — *Elizabeth Laubenstein, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Kari Marks*

Acolyte — *Parker Fischer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*spoken responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

For the LORD has chosen Zion;

he has desired it for his dwelling place:

“This is my resting place forever;

here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provisions;

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

and her saints will shout for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*) Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

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