

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Worship leader, please introduce yourself and welcome people joining in worship online and in person.

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

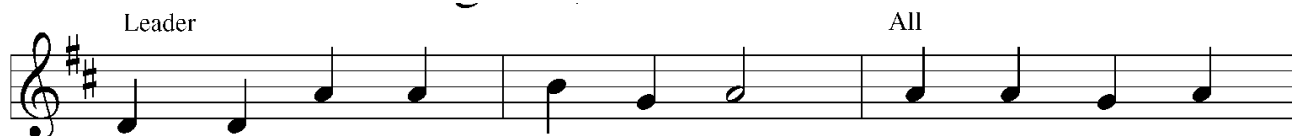
COMMUNITY LIFE

INTRODUCTION

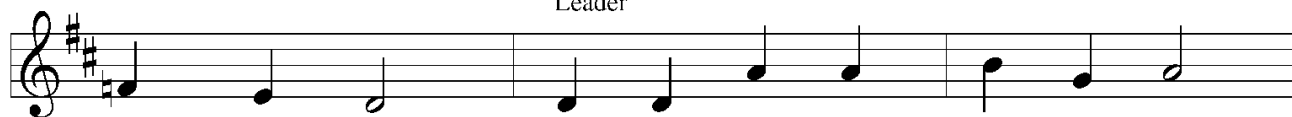
As we gather today, take a moment to close your eyes and picture Jesus and his followers together. Most likely people either picture Jesus sitting around with the twelve disciples or standing in the midst of thousands preaching and teaching. Yet in today's gospel Jesus has seventy followers close enough that he trusts them to be sent out in pairs to heal the sick and announce that God has come near. Seventy trusted preachers. Thirty-five pairs of preachers telling the good news of God. So telling the story is clearly not to be limited to the twelve disciples. The good news is meant to be shared far and wide by those who trust Jesus and follow him.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING SONG & CALL TO WORSHIP "Sing Out, Earth and Skies" W&P 126 –



1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our



Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:



in the glo - ry of love your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

One Praise the Lord, all people
Two let the sound of his praise be heard!

One Glory to God Creator of the universe,
Two whose breath gives life,
One whose hands create beauty,
Two whose love brings freedom,
One whose glory fills the earth,
Two to you alone our praise we bring.

One Glory to God, Saviour of the world,
Two whose touch gives healing
One whose words offer forgiveness
Two whose suffering brings life
One whose death is victory.

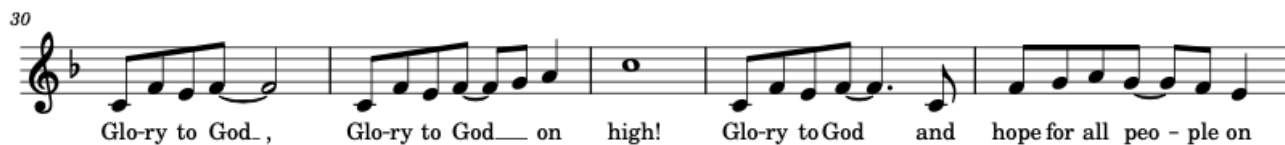
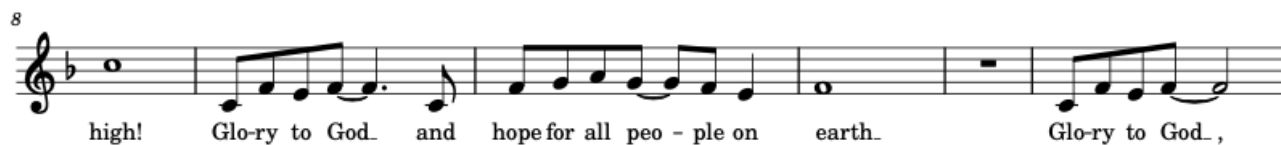
Praise the Lord, all people.

Praise the Lord!

Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

"Glory to God" - JTH



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

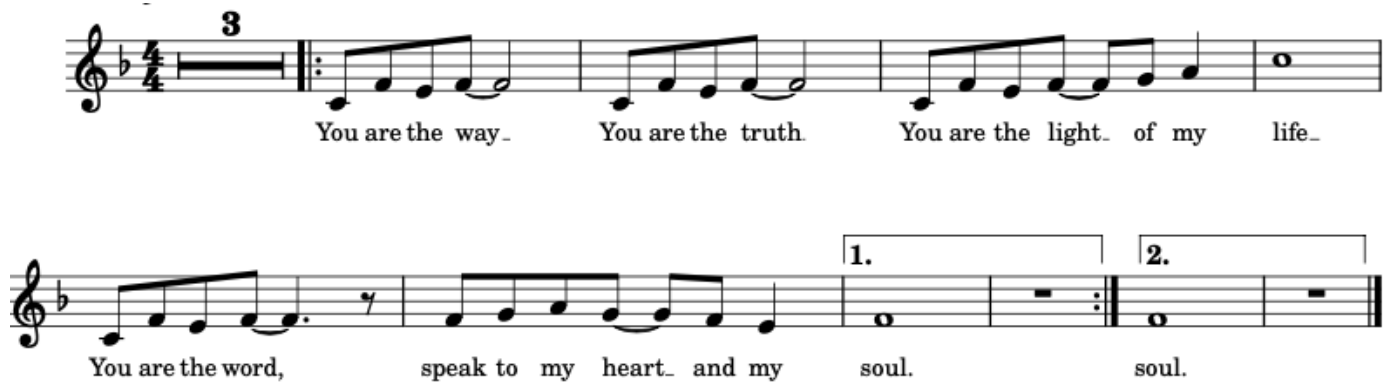
Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - JTH (sing twice)



Today's gospel reading and sermon have been prepared and shared by Rev. Carmen Ramirez, assistant to the ELCIC National Bishop, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The holy gospel according to Luke the 10th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW 808



- 1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith 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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. Continue to restore places scarred by forest fires. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, O God, to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. May those who live in the midst of war know your peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially Myrtle, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Margaret, Karen, Dave, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Kyra, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Shirley, Reinhold and Isabel, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim, Carter, Doreen, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Alan, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Jody, Barry and Christine, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the gift of each other. We know that your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another. Send your peace to rest upon us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries, especially we ask your blessing on the teachers and students of Sunday School. Hold in your care Pastor Joel and his family, as well as Felix and Sharon Tillmanns and Tina Timm, Savannah, Meadow and Zane Hodgson. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with Carolyn Ethier and all those who are preparing to participate in the ELCIC national convention. Grant them safe travel and the knowledge of your presence with them as they go. Guide them in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Allow your Holy Spirit to flow freely as they discern what is your will, and as they choose a new bishop. In everything, may your grace abound. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

We pray together as Jesus taught us

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG – JTF (sing twice)

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With thank - ful hearts we praise Your Name,

7 Filled, re - freshed, re - stored a - gain, Love ig - nites us in its flame with hope a - new.

12 You turn to us with gift of grace, Trans - form us as we leave this place, Cre -

17 ate in us a ho - ly space for You. Strength - en us each day,

23 For what comes our way. Help us al - ways turn to You.

28 With thank - ful hearts we praise Your Name, Filled, re - freshed, re - stored a - gain,

33 May we live with hope a - gain, hope in You, Hope and Life

38 in You!

SENDING

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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