

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

We Are the Voice of Jesus

When Jesus sent out His followers to proclaim the Word of His kingdom to all who would listen, He assured them: "The one who hears you hears Me" (Luke 10:16). Those who responded in faith knew that the kingdom of God had come near to them and that they had been made members of the household of God. Although this sending of the seventy took place some two thousand years ago, the same reality is ours today! Jesus continues to send out His workers in order that they may preach His Word, preside over His Meal, and welcome into the household of God all who trust in Him. We are listening to Jesus Himself as His kingdom comes near to us. What peace and joy can be ours when we trust that heaven's grace is ours to receive!

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN: #686 – [*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*](#)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 30:3–4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father, hear the prayers of confession we bring before You.

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: Together we pray:

People: **Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. We have allowed other things to distract us**

from Your presence in our homes and Your mission in our lives. We have not extended Your saving love to others as we ought, choosing to keep Your good blessings to ourselves instead of sharing them with those around us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Grant us the Spirit of Jesus, who cleanses us from our sin that we may worship You with joyful hearts and proclaim Your kingdom all our days. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. His kingdom has come near to you in Christ, and you are blessed to be part of His mission and ministry. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my joy to proclaim Jesus' words of peace to you and, by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

PSALM *Psalm 66:1–7; antiphon: vv. 8–9*
(Come and see what God has done!)

Lector: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Lector: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."

Lector: Come and see what God has done:

People: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Lector: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

People: There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt

themselves.

**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.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the true cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be strengthened in the mission and ministry of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 66:10–14*

(The Lord will extend His peace, and your heart shall rejoice.)

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

**Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.**

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18*

(Sharing peace, mercy, and all good things in the household of faith)

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *Luke 10:5b, 9b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Peace be to this house!

People: The kingdom of God has come near to you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:1–20*

(Jesus sends out His messengers of peace to proclaim the kingdom of God.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your

town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

HYMN of the Day: #425 – [*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*](#)

SERMON: *We Are the Voice of Jesus*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor: ... Lord, in Your mercy:

People: hear our prayer.

At conclusion:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, our hearts and homes may be renewed and always rejoice in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN: #965 – [*God Bless Our Native Land*](#)

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