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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 186 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

Our Communion is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The 10:30 AM liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. The audio portions of the service are provided at 8:00 AM.

*Thank you to Rev. Judy McKee
for serving as our presiding minister and preacher this morning.*

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Wearing a mask while in worship is optional, recommended or required based on the local percentage of infection. 5% or lower/Optional, Between 5% & 10%/Recommended, 10% or higher/Required.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

Communion Procedure:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle (about 8 adults per side).*
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).*
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.*
- 6. Consume the communion host before you leave the chancel edge.*
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.*
- 8. Consume the wine.*
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 3, 2022
Holy Communion 9:15 AM

PRELUDE

Morning has Broken

arr. Diana Bash

Stand turning towards the font.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE



Al Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☒** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Al Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **☒** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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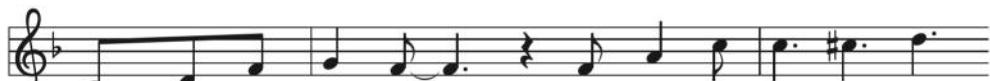
HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 66:10-14

(back cover)

PSALM

Psalm 66:1-8 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

¹ Be joyful in God, | all you lands;*

sing the glory of his name; sing the glory | of his praise.

² **Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!***

Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

³ All the earth bows | down before you,*

sings to you, sings | out your name."

⁴ **Come now and see the | works of God,***

how wonderful he is in his doing | toward all people.

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wat- | er on foot,*

and there we re- | joiced in him.

⁶ **In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch o- | ver the nations;***

let no rebel rise | up against him.

⁷ Bless our | God, you peoples;*

make the voice of his praise | to be heard,

⁸ **who holds our | souls in life,***

and will not allow our | feet to slip.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 6:1-16

(back cover)

Stand

VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (*back cover*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Judy McKee

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people and for our sister congregation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to

those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving (*especially Carl Jacobs, Katie Guyer, Eddie Turner, Gloria Kendrick, Amy Hollis, Heidi Glaudel, Orven Cook, Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, James Young, Porter Stacey, Courtney Snell, and the family and loved ones of Charlotte Mueller*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you (*especially Thomas the Apostle, whom we remember today*). Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Holy God we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

As the pastor prepares the altar the people sing.



☒ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION *The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI *sung by all*



☞ 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.

Sit *The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.*

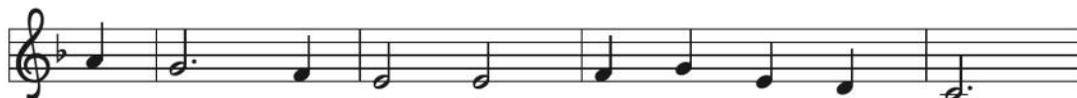
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

COMMUNION HYMN *Go To the World (ACS 991)*



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song (WOV 781)



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



POSTLUDE

Fantasy in G minor

J. S. Bach

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Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for our great country and all those in the military, past and present, who defend us by Kirsten & Shelton Barnes.

Thank you to Rev. Jonathan Jenkins, Rev. William Snyder, Rev. Thomas McKee and Rev. Judy McKee for presiding and preaching during Pastor Reep’s vacation. And also to Rev. Alan Watt, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church and Rev. Judy McKee for providing Pastoral Care.

Food Pantry—July



Items needed: Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, tomato sauce and soup. We also need paper grocery bags with handles.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
7/3	9:15 AM	Kirsten Barnes	Larry Becker	Deb Becker	Deb Becker	Bob & Connie Reed	Bob Reed , Ron Riese, Kem Vaught, Larry Becker, Steve Heistand, Dan Garber	Ann Anstadt & Jill Zart

Our next Outdoor Service will be held Sunday, July 31, Vespers at 7:00 PM. The service is preceded with a covered dish supper at 6:00 PM. Please bring something to share and join us for prayer!

Harvest Dinner Tickets are on sale. The dinner will be held on October 8, 2022. Proceeds benefit the Food Pantry. This year will feature select regional wines and local microbrews paired with the menu. Contact the office for tickets.

Altar Flowers once again grace our worship space. Please check out the Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board for the sign-up sheet and available dates for the year. Many Sundays are still available! Cost is \$30 per vase.

Ukraine Offering—Offerings to give aid to Ukrainian refugees, orphans, widows and humanitarian help can be given through St. Paul’s website www.stpaulsyork.org by selecting the designated button or through our pew envelopes marking them “Ukraine”.



Sunday Coffee Hour Donations Requested. If you would willing to help by contributing baked goods, fruits or veggies for Fellowship following any of our Summer 9:15 AM services simply notify the church office or sign up in the Good Shepherd room and we can add you to the schedule. The desire is to have fellowship opportunities following worship each Sunday throughout the summer. A member of the Fellowship Committee will provide oversight for each gathering.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs

Sunday, July 3

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, July 4

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

9:30 AM Pantry

Sunday, July 10

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

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Summer Worship

June, July and August

Combined Service time at 9:15 AM with Fellowship to Follow

We will gather on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM for the Holy Communion liturgy. The schedule of servers for each Sunday is comprised from those who historically serve at either the early or late service. By mixing together those who normally serve at 8:00 or 10:30 AM this will provide another opportunity for us to put names and faces together as we identify those assuming leadership roles in the liturgy. Following each service there will be a time for fellowship held in the Good Shepherd Room. A member of the Fellowship Committee is scheduled to provide oversight with the set-up, serving and clean up each week. Please do volunteer to provide fruit or veggies or a baked good for one of these fellowship times. A sign-up sheet is located on the server in the Good Shepherd Room if you are able and willing to provide an item or two. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for taking the lead on making these important times possible. And thank you in advance for providing the food for these summer Sunday gatherings.

Family Ministry - Picnics in the Park

God's Beautiful Creation 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Join your friends from St. Paul's for an evening picnic and bible activities at one of York Counties local parks. Each family is asked to bring their own picnic dinner to enjoy as we gather. The evening will include an interactive bible story and craft. All pavilions are located close to the park playground so your children can enjoy time playing with their friends. Restrooms and parking are located within walking distance.

5:30 – Picnic

6:00 – 7:00 – Bible Story and Craft

July 19th John Rudy Park Blue Spruce Pavilion God Creates the Animals	August 16th Kain Park Perch Pavilion God Creates the Creatures in the Sea
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Pentecost IV C July 3, 2022 St. Paul, York
Lessons: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 8:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

When I hear the story of Jesus' sending the seventy to go and prepare the way of the Lord, to announce the coming Kingdom of God, and of his instruction to them to depend upon the hospitality of those to whom they are sent, I am reminded of a mission trip I was privileged to be a part of in Tanzania.

Five of us from the Lower Susquehanna Synod traveled to the Konde Diocese for a two week visit. Pastor Mwaipopo, who was the person of the Diocesan staff responsible for evangelism and outreach, informed before we arrived that we would be going on a mission trip to the remote western area of Tanzania. I told him that was not what we had in mind. Our intent was to visit the Konde Diocese, meet some of the leaders of the Diocese, and learn about some of the various ministries – the hospitals, schools, and congregational outreach – of the Diocese. A mission trip to an even more remote area of Tanzania was not a part of our agenda.

However, arriving in Tukuyu, where the Diocese headquarters are, after a 10 hour flight to London and then an 8 hour flight to Dar es Salaam, and then a 12 hour bus ride across Tanzania, we were given a day or two to 'rest', before finding ourselves in a Land Rover with seven others from the diocese, including the Bishop, a district pastor, Pastor Mwaipopo, and the five of us, traveling to a mission district more than seven hours from Tukuyu! It was a very dry area where the water was not drinkable, where there was no cell phone reception, no clinics or even poorly staffed and supplied medical facilities. We were miles and miles from much of anything – except people. People living in small villages, eking out a living as best they could; nomadic people – the Masai – driving their herds of goats and cattle from place to place searching for grass and water.

We were on a mission, compelled to go by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. We were entirely dependent upon the hospitality of those to whom we went. Several evangelists had gone ahead of us. They had been preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus for months before. They had been preparing people for baptism. They had been gathering assemblies of believers which would soon become congregations. We traveled to a number of different locations – preaching points associated with the congregation at Kamsamba – and in most of these we met people gathered outside in the shade of trees. There we five visitors from far away were invited to take turns preaching – and only one of us was a preacher by trade! The others included a woman who worked in the synod office, a recent widow, a third-year seminarian, and a young adult who was with the camping corporation. Following our preaching, Bishop Mwakyolile, the district pastor

and assistant district pastor who accompanied us, and myself baptized adults and children. We prayed for and anointed the sick. And we were all received as messengers of Christ. We ate food prepared for us in each place by our hosts, including a meal prepared by members of a Masai tribe of shepherds and herdsmen. We spent the nights as guests – the women in a Roman Catholic convent, the men where the priests stayed. We slept on metal beds in a room lit by a kerosene lantern and we washed – ourselves and our clothes – in water brought to us in buckets by the sisters. And...we lacked for nothing! God was with us. We were in God's care and keeping.

The 70 were sent out by Jesus to heal the sick and to announce the Kingdom of God. They were to graciously accept the hospitality offered by those who received them. They were sent to prepare the way of the Lord and to bring his blessing of peace to all who would receive them and their message.

Jesus also warned them that not everyone would receive that message positively. Some would reject it and oppose it. But that rejection did not nullify or threaten the truth of what they proclaimed. Nor was it their concern to worry about that rejection. That is God's problem! The seventy were in God's care and keeping. Their mission was his, not theirs.

The seventy who were sent out by Jesus represent those who have heard and believed Jesus' witness to the Father's love present in him and in his preaching, teaching, and healing. In Acts the Spirit descends on all present and they are commissioned to be witnesses to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus to the ends of the earth. This is the same Spirit and the same commissioning each of us receives in Baptism.

The work of the seventy is our work. We have heard the good news of life and salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have heard the good news that God has entered our world in Jesus to show us the extent of his love for us. We have heard that healing and wholeness, and the blessing of peace are given in Jesus' name. And we have been given the gift of faith to believe this good news! Thanks be to God!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

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 bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:
 I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
 and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing
 stream;
 and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
 and dandled on her knees.
¹³As a mother comforts her child,
 so I will comfort you;
 you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
 your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
 and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is
 with his servants,
 and his indignation is against
 his enemies.

Psalms 66:1-9

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

[My friends, 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. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If 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. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May 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. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He 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. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain 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. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'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.'

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

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