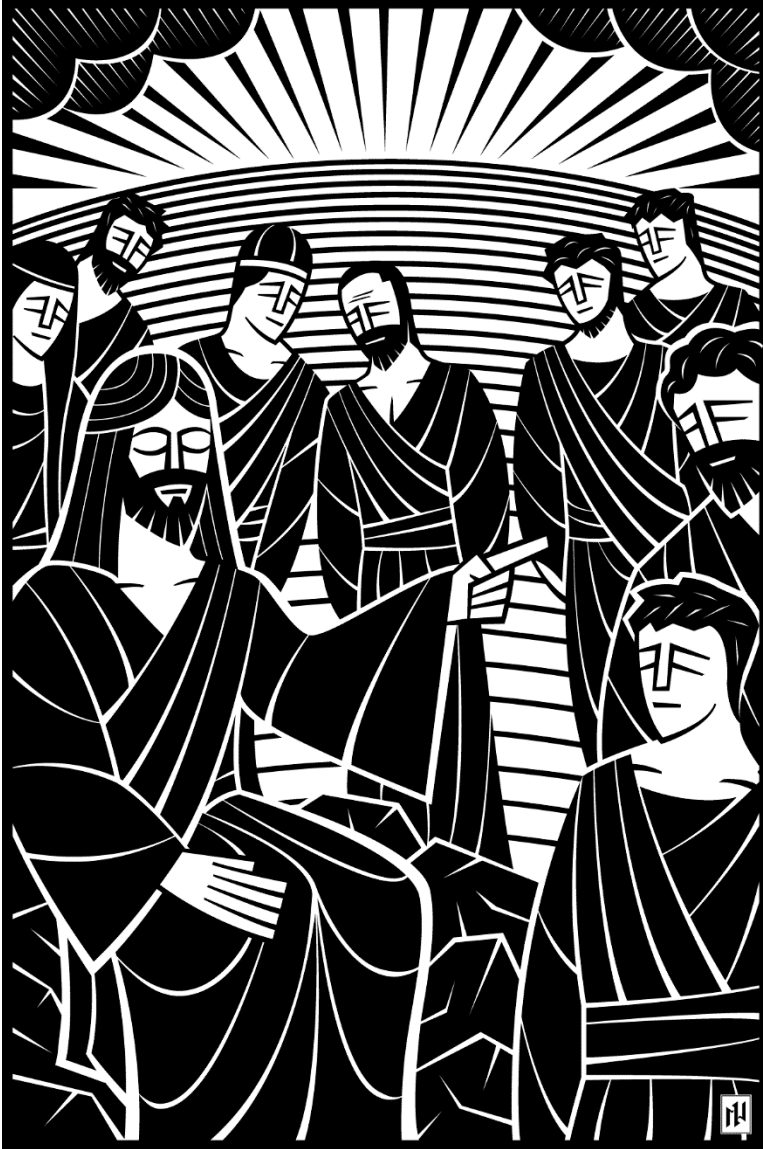


# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6 and 7, 2025



The Need for Workers



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## **Welcome to Worship**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

## **Prepare for Worship**

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord's Supper, read through the "Christian Questions" on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

## **Today's Focus for Worship – The Need for Workers**

Everyone who has seen the grace of God will, whenever the opportunity arises, serve as a witness for Christ. However, Scripture teaches that there is also a need for individuals for whom gospel proclamation is their full-time focus. These workers are called by God himself through the Church to proclaim law and gospel in some public capacity. Jesus taught there will always be a need for such workers. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2).

## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Preacher: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Accompanist: Cindy Klink

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# Gathering Rite

## on Holy Baptism



*Stand*

### Invocation

*Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20*

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

**Amen.**

### Gathering Rite Hymn

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your

Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to

sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God  
unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

*John 3:5-6*

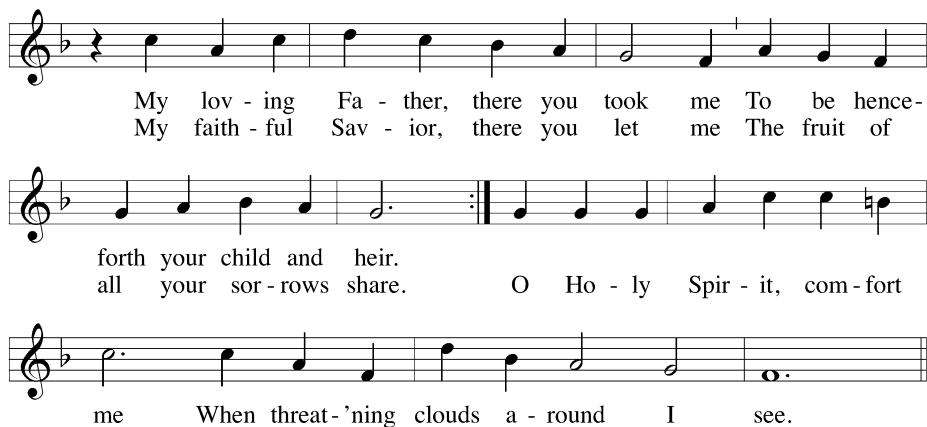
**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

*Psalms 51:5*

**But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the  
name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

*1 Corinthians 6:11*



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence-  
 My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of  
 forth your child and heir.  
 all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
 me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
 Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and  
 sure - ly will en - dure.  
 deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
 filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**


  
 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
   
 Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me


  
 all, O Lord, from me.
   
 your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or


  
 own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

## The Word

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



## Prayer of the Day

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, your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Ezekiel 2:9-3:11

<sup>9</sup>Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, <sup>10</sup>which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

<sup>1</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

<sup>3</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

<sup>4</sup>He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them. <sup>5</sup>You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and strange language, but to the people of Israel— <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of obscure speech and strange language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. <sup>7</sup>But the people of Israel are not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, for all the Israelites are hardened and obstinate. <sup>8</sup>But I will make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. <sup>9</sup>I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people.”

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. <sup>11</sup>Go now to your people in exile and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says,’ whether they listen or fail to listen.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Let the Peoples Praise You | 67-A

## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

<sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup>not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give the grace to you a -  
 2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand to spread your Word o'er  
 3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they  
 sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong to  
 hopes a - gain; and when suc - cess crowns what they do, O



go to share your liv - ing Word, the gos - pel mes - sage  
 heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver  
 keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim that all may know your sav - ing name.  
 wind and wave, and might - y is your arm to save.  
 judg - ment seat they lay their tro - phies at your feet.

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<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup>He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup>Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup>“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ <sup>6</sup>If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup>“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup>I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup>However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

O Christians, Haste | 901

**Sermon**

Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Chosen Messengers

1. Sent by Grace
2. Sent with Grace



*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed** *Credo*

*Matthew 16:15; Luke 12:8; 2 Corinthians 4:13*

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Psalms 67:1*

Speak to us, Lord, and feed us with your Word. Open our ears that we take your Words to heart.

**God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine on us.**

Give all your people hearts of shepherds, especially those who are called to serve in the public ministry. Move them by your love to seek and to save the lost.

**God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine on us.**

Let your Word reach those who have not heard it. Soften hard hearts. Open our mouths to spread the Word we have heard.

**God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine on us.**

Almighty God, you are the ruler of all peoples on earth. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation. Purify our hearts to know and love your truth, and give wisdom to our leaders.

**God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine on us.**

Lord, maintain righteous government everywhere, that all things may take place in an orderly way and peace may be kept. Govern all things for the good of your people and for the spread of your gospel.

**God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine on us.**

Let your comforting Word refresh your people, especially those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Encourage all with your promise so that when you appear, we will receive an unfading crown of glory.

**God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine on us.**

Almighty God, let the brightness of your glory shine on us, and let Christ, the Light from Light, shine in the hearts of all who have been born again by your grace in your Holy Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Offering

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.*

## Hymn

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit | 898

*Stand*

## Closing Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, when you call your people to follow you, you also call them to speak your message. Give us faithfulness and determination to speak your Word with your authority, and to rejoice that you are doing your work through us, and that our names are written in heaven; you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer *Pater Noster*

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Blessing** *Aaronic Benediction*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

God Bless Our Native Land | 774

