

Pentecost 7

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 (Year B)

When God calls us into faith, he not only equips us with all we need for the journey, he offers his grace in the midst of trials. The Lord will speak to us through his holy Word. By faith we are called to rely on God’s grace alone and not our own strength, intellect, or worldly wisdom. God’s love is enough, and he will work that which is needed within us to accomplish his kingdom plans. If we listen, we will hear.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5 **Stand on Your Feet and Listen**
The call of the Lord came to Ezekiel while the prophet was in exile with the others who had been sent to Babylon. “Stand up,” said the Lord, “and I will speak to you.” The Word of the Lord that came to Ezekiel commanded him to speak the truth to God’s people about their disobedience and idolatry.

Psalm 123 **Our Eyes Look to the Lord**
The psalmist sang praises to God who sits enthroned in the heavens. A cry for mercy came from the singer’s lips, “We have had more than enough of contempt.”

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 **Paul’s Thorn in the Flesh**
Paul wrote to the church in Corinth declaring that in the weakness of his suffering, through the insults he had incurred, the persecution and hardships he endured, he had been made strong. Christ spoke to Paul in the midst of his trials, reminding him that God’s grace is sufficient for all his woes. This, Paul said, kept him humble.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13 **Jesus Rejected at Home**
Jesus returned to Nazareth after being away healing, preaching, and teaching by the Sea of Galilee. He was met with disbelief among those who knew him as a young person. His neighbors simply could not believe that this one who was teaching in the synagogue with such authority was the same Jesus, son of Joseph and Mary. Jesus sent his disciples, two by two, to proclaim the kingdom of God to the people in the surrounding villages and towns.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles’ Creed
- To emphasize God’s providential nature toward his people, incorporate Luther’s explanation to the first article of the Apostles’ Creed into worship. Luther explains that all we have is a gift from God. In his Large Catechism Luther wrote, “It is God who gives and does all these things, that therein we sense and see His Paternal heart and his transcendent love toward us. Thereby the heart would be warmed and kindled to be thankful, and to employ all such good things to the honor and praise of God.”

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
How Firm a Foundation	507	---	728	796	191	191
Listen, God is Calling	---	712	833	513	---	---
Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord	163	---	497	395	166	166
Every Time I Feel the Spirit	---	---	---	---	---	web
Have Thine Own Way, Lord	---	---	---	---	244	244
O God of Light	237	---	836	507	---	---
God of Our Fathers	567	---	---	---	5	5
Be Thou My Vision	---	776	---	793	230	230
Sent Forth By God’s Blessing	221	---	643	547	58	58
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee	211	---	631	---	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:
Son of Suffering
(CCLI# 7179241)
Glorious Day
(CCLI# 7081388)
We Look to You
(CCLI# 7096625)
Send Me
(CCLI# 7199775)
How He Loves
(CCLI# 5032549)

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