

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30 & July 3, 2022

Christ Provides Ministers to Proclaim His Word

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FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:9—3:11

Ezekiel was called to proclaim the word of the LORD to his fellow exiles, regardless of whether they listened or failed to listen.

Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out toward me, and in it there was a rolled-up scroll. He unrolled it in front of me, and there was writing on both sides. Written on it was: Laments, Groaning, and Woe. Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat what you have received. Eat this scroll, and then go, speak to the house of Israel." I opened my mouth, and he fed me the scroll. Then he said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your belly with this scroll that I am giving you." I ate, and in my mouth it was sweet like honey. He then said to me, "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them. For you are not being sent to a people who have incomprehensible speech or a difficult language, but you are being sent to the house of Israel. Nor are you being sent to many peoples who have incomprehensible speech and difficult languages, whose words you cannot understand. Certainly, if I were

to send you to such people, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, because the whole house of Israel is hard-headed and hard-hearted. Look, I have made your face just as hard as their faces and your forehead just as hard as their foreheads. I have made your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not fear them, and do not be intimidated by their looks, for they are a rebellious house." Then he said to me, "Son of man, receive into your heart all my words that I will speak to you, and hear them with your ears. Go now to the exiles, to your own people. You shall speak to them and say to them, 'This is what the LORD God says,' whether they listen or they do not."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Ministers are to shepherd God's flock exactly as Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, would himself.

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you: Shepherd God's flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires, not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12,16-20

Jesus sends out messengers of his Word who were to serve the people they met exactly as Jesus would have if he had been there himself.

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Go your way. Look, I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a money bag or traveler's bag or sandals. Do not greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' And if a peaceful person is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, because the worker is worthy of his pay. Do not keep moving from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they welcome you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are in the town and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near you.' "But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust from your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this: The kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on that day than for that town. Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!" He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

SERMON TEXT: Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Mike Pamperin/Dean Ebert; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwycart.

ORGANISTS!! The July schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for July will be due on **Thursday, July 14!** This will be the only order date for the month of July. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 23; Sunday (Outdoor Service): 81

Financial Information not available – Will be updated in next week's bulletin

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM

Monday: ***INDEPENDENCE DAY! Have fun on the 4th!!***

Tuesday: School Board Meeting..... 7:00 PM

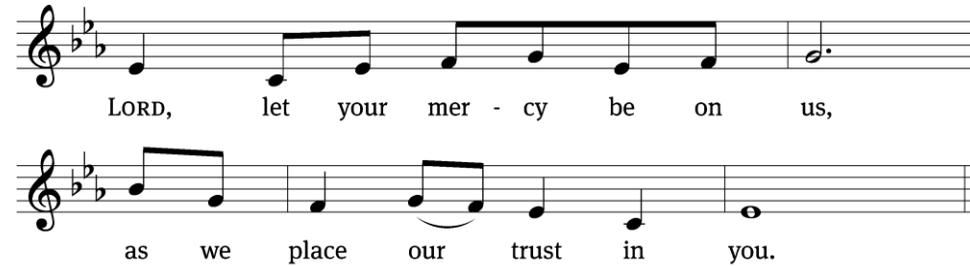
Thursday: Worship Service 7:00 PM

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM

33A LORD, Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Psalm 33A

Refrain



LORD, let your mer - cy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Tone



Sing joyfully to the LORD, you / righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to / praise him.
For the word of the LORD is / right and true;
he is faithful in / all he does.
By the word of the LORD the / heav'ns were made,
their starry host by the breath / of his mouth.
For he spoke, and it / came to be;
he commanded, and / it stood firm. *Refrain*

The LORD foils the plans of the / nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the / peoples.
But the plans of the LORD stand firm for- / ever,
the purposes of his heart through all gener- / ations.

We wait in hope / for the LORD;
he is our help / and our shield.
In him our / hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his / holy name.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***