



Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of Life

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We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service and Education Classes for all ages (Children and Adult)

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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***"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."
Romans 12:11***

July 3, 2022

Prelude

International Bag of Mystery

[This is a summertime tradition at Shepherd of Life. Each week a member of the church brings an item from home for a member of the staff to use as the inspiration for an improvised message.]

Welcome

Leader: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6) On this fourth Sunday after Pentecost, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (*Congregation stands*)

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: **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.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn **"Gather Us In"**

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Apostolic Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

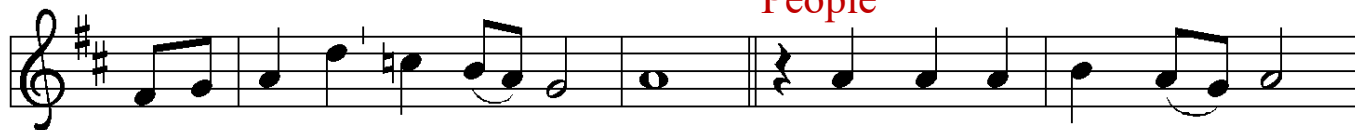
Canticle of Praise

Leader



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

People



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

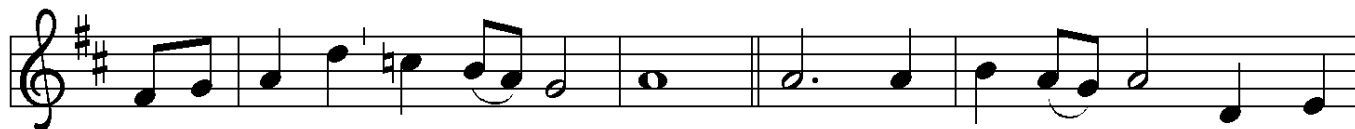


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day
(*Congregation may be seated*)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[The Lutheran Church believes that the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written inspired Word of God. Shepherd of Life follows the lectionary, and the lessons may be found on the back of this worship bulletin.]

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14 Back Cover

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of Praise

**“Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God.”**

Second Reading Galatians 6:7-16 Back Cover

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(*Congregation stands*)

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.”**

Scripture of the Day Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Back Cover

Before Reading: **“Glory to you, O Lord.”**
After Reading: **“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

(*Congregation may be seated*)

Message A MATTER OF FOCUS *Pastor Jonathan Lys*

Hymn of the Day **“Be Thou My Vision”** 793

Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

(If you have a prayer concern or prayer of thanksgiving you would like included in the bulletin, please call the church office.)

Prayers of the Church

**“O Lord, you are the center of my life.
I will always praise you. I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.”**

Apostle’s Creed *(Congregation stands)*

People: 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(As a sign of God's peace, please take a moment to greet those around you.)

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[By our tithes and offerings we say “Thank You” to God for all of our blessings. Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

Offering Prayer

Presider: Merciful Father

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

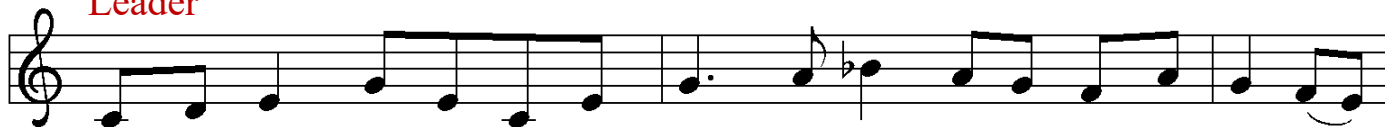
**the true Christian Church at all times*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Pre-Communion Cantic

Leader



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

People



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



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

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

(Congregation may be seated after prayer)

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymns

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	479
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Doxology

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

Benediction

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"	888
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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Today's Coffee Time is brought to you by the Gaarders in honor of Dave's and Donna's birthdays as well as by Joe and Midge Norris in celebration of their 55th anniversary and Keeley's and Brittany's birthdays.



7/3 Donna Gaarder

7/4 Christy Moore

7/5 David Gaarder

7/6 Donald Ruemke

7/7 Jamie Walter

7/8 Sandra Fultz

Brett Becker

Toby Allen



7/6

Les & Pat Woods

7/8

Marcus & Annette Bitting

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



8:30 AM

Minister Assistant

Judy Siefken

Altar Guild

Meg & Derek Kretschmer

Greeter

Scott Fields

Prayer of the Day

Tina Rosenbaum

Reader

Chris Wade

Ushers

Jeff & Beth Clark

10:00 AM

Pat Walter, Dana Blevins,
Candy Collins

Maggie Lira

Dennis & Lois Bashore

John Jager

Nora Coronado-Meyer

Ray & Peggy Davidson

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Healer of Our Every Ill

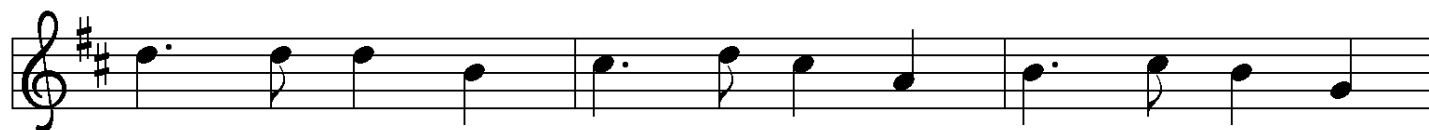
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Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



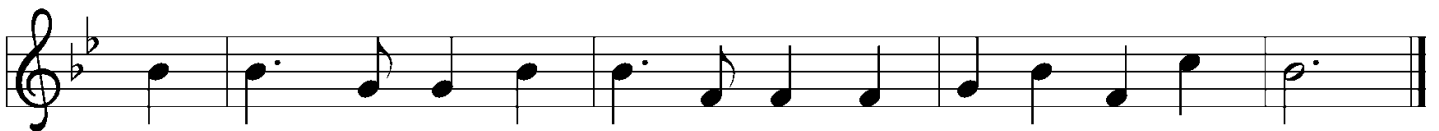
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

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Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

Prayers and blessings to our group of young disciples going to Ebert Ranch July 10th-15th

Brett Becker

Ellie Coronado-Meyer

Grace Jorgensen

Heidi Simmons

Isaac Jorgensen

Jack Moore



Game Sunday returns!

Sunday, July 24th after the 10:00 am service

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for some lunch and games of all types!

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!

August 1st – 5th for grades K-5th (Completed)
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Cost is \$60 per child and includes lunch and 2 snacks

You can register online at bit.ly/soldaycamp2022

The last day to register is July 24th!





Adult Bible Study *Sundays at 10:00am*

Teaching Schedule for June & July

TODAY	Pastor Mark
July 10	Pastor John
July 17	Kelly Campbell
July 24	Pastor Jonathan
July 31	Pastor Mark

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



From Saul **TO PAUL:**

Transformation

Led by Pastor Mark
Today at 10:00 AM
In the Fellowship Hall



Foster's Farewell

With Pastor John's retirement coming, many are asking about how they can go about gracing the Fosters with farewell gifts. Peggy Davidson will be coordinating a larger congregational gift in the upcoming months, but if you or your ministry group have any questions about individual/group gifts, Peggy has offered to help coordinate or at least point you in the right direction. She can be reached at p.davidson@att.net.

*Save
the
date*

Saturday, November 12, 6 - 9 PM

The last stop on the Foster Farewell Tour is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. More information will be shared regarding specifics, but for now, mark this date on your calendars. We're planning a casual evening of food, fellowship and memories.

PSSST....!



We need your stories...

If you have any good stories to share about John and Ruth, please provide them to Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.



Caring Ministries

Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving...

For our freedom and independence as well as those who have fought to preserve it

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For John Berven who is now recovering from a follow up surgery after recently having a cancerous tumor removed near his brain*
- *For Gene Walzer's sister, Bonnie who is recovering from a stroke and is in treatment for cancer*
- *For Diana Osborn's brother, Jeff who is recovering from appendix and hernia surgery*
- *For Dana Blevins' brother-in-law, Wesley who has Covid and is in need of bypass surgery*
- *For Sam Jorgensen who is recovering from surgery for an infection*
- *For Marie Philips who is recovering from surgery for basal cell carcinoma*
- *For Carol Bernhart who is recovering from knee replacement surgery*
- *For Nancy Ruemke's friend, Julie who is recovering from surgery*
- *For Ronnie and Tena Ward's grandchildren– Corynn will be donating a kidney to her brother, Andy who is currently Covid positive*
- *For Diana Osborn's brother, Richard who is hospitalized with kidney and lung issues*

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

Dave Fox's sister, Mary; Val Hicks friend, Cheri; Kay Fox's brother, Travis; Norm Roberts; Connie Martino-Woehr

The Lord is filled with Compassion for...

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Judy Pfretzschner at judyp16@yahoo.com.*
- *There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.*
- *Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.*

The Back Page

What unique places have you gone to?

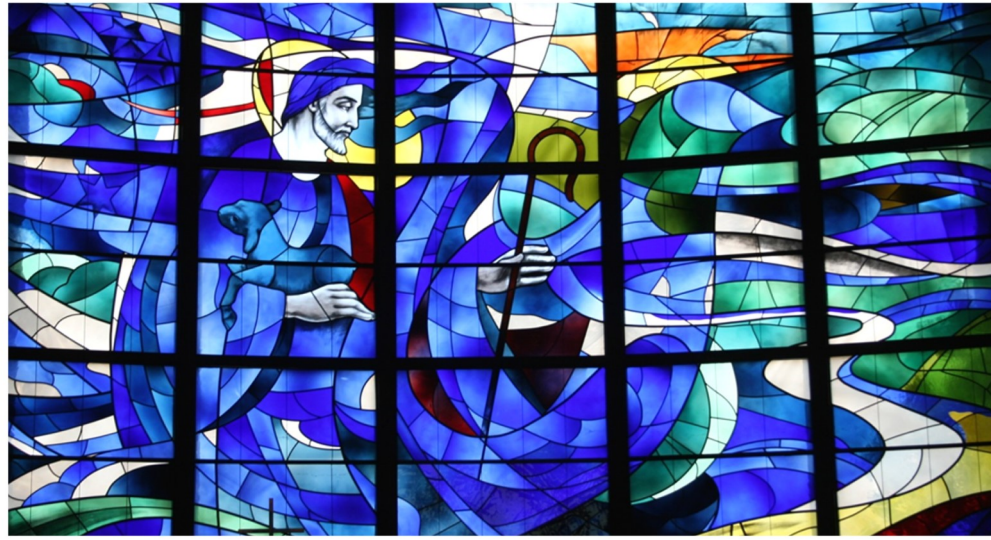
When have you had to rely on someone else?

*What is the good news that you bring with you
wherever you go?*



*“Thank you for my friends and for all
those people who I haven’t met yet who can
be friends”*

THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB



We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

Walking in paths of righteousness for His name's sake is a calling worthy of our best. As we seek to live out and share our Lord's joyful, life changing love through: *Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Spiritual Growth, Risk-Taking Service and Extravagant Generosity*, we invite you to join us and pray that you, too, will feel the comfort and peace of his loving arms upholding you.

Our Mission

To live out and share the joyful, life changing love of
our Lord, Jesus Christ through....

Radical Hospitality ✝ Passionate Worship ✝ Spiritual Growth
Risk-Taking Service ✝ Extravagant Generosity

You can visit us online at www.bluelamb.org. Also look for us on



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FIRST LESSON - 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—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For 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. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You 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.

SECOND LESSON - Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If 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. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It 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. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May 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. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He 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. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain 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. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘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.’ ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’” The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”