

Pentecost 4

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 (Year C)



The Scriptures for today emphasize the reality of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Either the Gospel and the person who proclaims it are accepted, or the Word and the messenger are rejected. There is no in between. As followers of Christ, we are called to share the message of salvation and offer a sign of peace to every person we come in contact with — but we won’t always receive a blessing in return.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Be Glad for Mother Jerusalem

Isaiah proclaimed the Word of the Lord as an allegory in which God’s people are like a mother who has given birth to a son. A blessing has been offered, and all who love Jerusalem may rejoice with her and nurse at her consoling breast. So also, God says, will he comfort his people and protect them from their enemies.

Psalm 66:1-7

God Looks to the Humble

This hymn contains a blessing for those who are humble and contrite in heart toward the Lord. Those who have chosen their own evil ways will reap the harsh punishments of the Lord. The psalmist makes a plea for all to hear God’s Word.

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Bear One Another’s Burdens

St. Paul instructed Christians to watch out for each other when it came to temptation and sin. Share with one another the good things you have received, he taught, and do not grow tired of doing good to everyone.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-20

Laborers Are Few

Jesus sent 72 evangelists out to every town and village where he planned to go in the future. He instructed them to take nothing with them — no comforts and no extra items they might need, so that they would have to rely on the kindness and generosity of those they met. If the people they met accepted their blessing of peace, then the Kingdom had come near. If they were rejected, then the blessing of peace would revert back to them, and they were to turn and walk away.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- * Independence Day is celebrated tomorrow in the U.S. Consider how faith has been pushed aside in this country and around the world, even as we celebrate the establishment of a great nation and the freedoms we enjoy. How can we be truly free without Jesus?
- * Today is the commemoration day of St. Thomas, a disciple of Jesus. How do doubt and faith work to make us stronger in our confession to Christ? Sometimes we need to hear a word of permission to wrestle with our doubts.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Blest Be the Tie that Binds	370	---	649	656	48	48
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	482	---	425	803	132	132
Now Thank We All Our God	534	---	895	839	50	50
My Life Flows On in Endless Song	---	781	---	763	253	253
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
Almighty God, Your Word is Cast	234	---	577	516	---	---
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling	381	---	827	---	180	180
Sent Forth By God’s Blessing	221	---	643	547	58	58
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	343	---	918	618	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS= 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

- The Wonderful Cross (CCLI # 3148435)
- Lord of the Harvest (CCLI# 1844264)
- Go Make Disciples (CCLI# 659058)
- Find Us Faithful (CCLI# 18259)
- We Are an Offering (CCLI# 16220)

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