

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Crossroads (ELCA)

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**Sunday, July 8, 2018**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*



LET YOUR GUARD DOWN,  
LET GOD IN,  
BE AMONG FRIENDS

## WELCOME . . .

We are privileged to have you as our guest in the Lord's house this morning. We pray that the time you share with us will be meaningful for you and that God will bless you through it. If you have a question that is not answered here, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

**Registry:** Please take time to complete the registry/attendance sheet found in the pew in the black folder at the center aisle. It is important to us that we know who is worshipping with us today. Thank you.

**Worship:** This booklet is our order of worship for today. Hymns are found in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnals located in the racks on the back of the pew in front of you. Everything else is printed in this booklet.

Our worship includes **Holy Communion**. As Christians in the Lutheran heritage, we believe that our Lord Jesus is physically present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we receive. However, if you believe that Jesus' body and blood were given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, you are welcome to commune with us, regardless of your faith background. A white grape juice is available at the center of the tray for those who do not wish to receive wine.

If you desire to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the communion rail, inform the usher of such and communion will be brought to you.

**. . . WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

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Ministers:	The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Crossroads
Pastor:	Pastor Creighton
Greeters:	Brad and Jessica Westerfeld
Accompanist:	Sheryl Harmeyer
Acolytes:	Kennedy Rasnick and Lexi Allison
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Lay Reader:	Ellen Siebert
Communion Assistant:	Debbie Mack
Sound System:	Adam Mack
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Altar Committee:	Gary Westerfeld

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN:**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (sung twice)

**ELW 857**

### **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and assembly greet one another.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Led by the assisting minister*

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.

**Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!**

*A canticle of praise may be sung by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**♪ Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

A reading from the second chapter of Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their

ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 123**

*The psalm is read responsively by verse.*

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

A reading from the twelfth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even

considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to acclaim the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p. 142

**♪Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

**ELW 742**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, equip all your faithful people for the work of mission. When we are empty-handed, give us partners in ministry. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you breathe life into the dust of the earth. Bless the land and all who work it. Bring relief to areas of drought and famine. Send healing rains and cooling breezes to places scorched by sun and heat. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, when the nations are rebellious, raise up prophets and leaders to proclaim your way of justice. Provide for the needs of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and exiles. Protect all who live in areas of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your grace is sufficient to bring wholeness to human weakness. Restore hope to those suffering hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Strengthen all who are fragile in body, mind, or spirit, especially those listed in the bulletin and prayer book, and those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, renew our commitment to the work of hospitality. Help us to offer a caring welcome to visitors and to those returning to the church. Help us to be living examples of your grace and your generosity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you equip disciples throughout the ages to proclaim your kingdom. Lead us by faith until every weakness of this world has been made perfect in the power of your everlasting glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and all for whom we have forgotten or neglected to pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 7/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 7/8 time signature. The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.'

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads a prayer.*

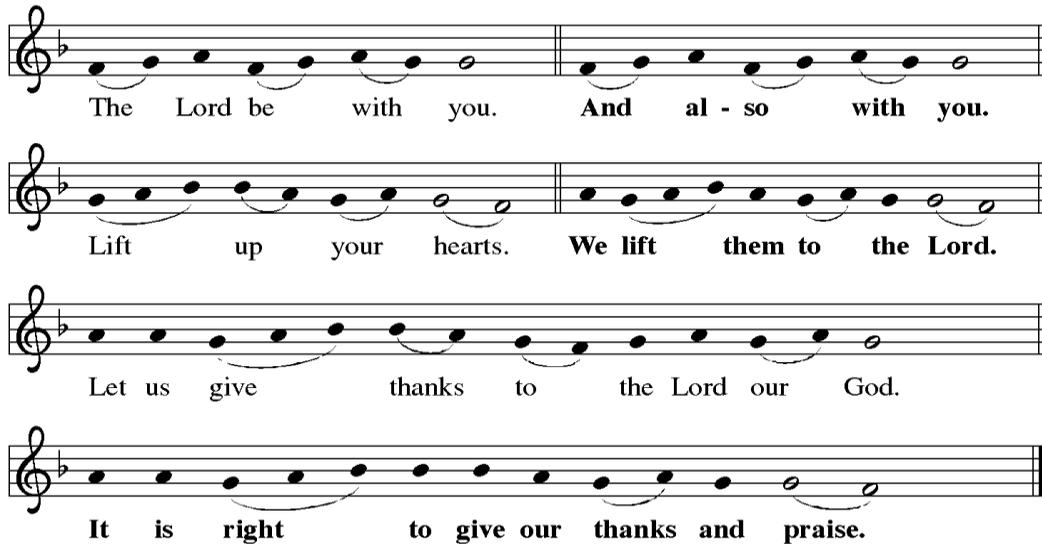
Let us pray together.

Merciful God,  
**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

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*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...  
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in invitation.*

*The assembly is seated.*

*All are welcome at Christ's table! If you are a visitor and receive communion at your home church, you are invited to do so here. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing.*

## COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 146

**♪Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*After Holy Communion has been distributed, the assembly stands and the presiding minister may say:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

**ELW 888**

## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister may address the assembly.*

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**We are a family of believers who meet to:  
enjoy life together  
worship and learn about God  
make a difference in the world.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### **We remember in Prayer:**

Carol Bergman

Daniel Narwold

Cole Nuhring

Angela Siebert

Mikayla Siebert

Todd Siebert

Sarajane Wilson

Art and Karen Salvitti

Marlin and Julia Siebert

Edith Mascheck (Paul Gausman's sister)

Stella Long (Paul Gausman's sister)

Mike Trenkamp (Tim Mack's brother-in-law)

Travis Wenning (son of former BHS Ag teacher)  
Ruth Booster (wife of former pastor)  
Melody Briner (Marilyn Gausman's daughter)  
Zach Briner (Marilyn Gausman's relative)  
Lois Bastien Brown (Tim Salvitti's grandmother-in-law)  
Marie Dierckman (Ginny Low's mother)  
Louise Eads (Michelle Wehr's grandmother)  
Bonnie Haughn (Sabrina Salvitti Haughn's mother-in-law)  
Leonard (husband of Lisa Gausman's friend)  
George Lerose (Art Salvitti's brother-in-law)  
Tessa Mayer (wife of Wanda Siebert's principal)  
Bekah Netherton (daughter of Debbie Mack's friend)  
Ronnie Nicholson (Darrell's brother)  
Barry Norman (Lisa Gausman's former principal)  
Carol Rayve and Ron Price (Karen Salvitti's mother and friend)  
Ted Rayve (Karen Salvitti's brother)  
Beverly Richardson (Laura Nicholson's mother)  
Kristina Salvitti (Art's daughter)  
Gary Schopmeyer (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)  
Charlie Seibert (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)  
John Ward (Eunice Sisson's brother-in-law)  
Jasmine Westerfeld (Sharon Brown's great-granddaughter)  
Melinda Wilson (wife of Ben Wilson)

anyone affected by natural disasters, warfare and violence  
all who serve in the military

**Honored Members:**

Paul Gausman            Allen and Mary Lou Narwold            Bill Westerfeld

**Our members at St. Andrew's:** Julia Siebert            Ruth Thackery

**Our Partner Churches:** United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and  
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dillsboro

## **Today:**

**Welcome to worship**, sisters and brothers in Christ. May you hear God's voice in a special way today.

Please stay for **fellowship** in the Fellowship Room after worship this morning. Spend some time catching up with the events in each other's lives.

Today is the **deadline** for the Southeast IN Conference's **fellowship outing** on August 26<sup>th</sup>: A Night of Worship following the Florence Freedom baseball team's game. There is more information on the bulletin board, or see Pastor Creighton concerning times and cost.

## **This Week:**

Office Hours – Monday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday	1:00 – 4:00 PM
Pr. Creighton's office hours –	
Monday – Thursday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

<b>Monday</b> –	
Leisure Ladies	1:00 PM

<b>Tuesday</b> –	
SEIC Clergy meeting	10:00 AM

<b>Sunday</b> -	
Sunday Worship with Baptism	9:00 AM
Fellowship	10:15 AM

*Worship leaders for 7/15:*

Greeters:	Dennis and Andrea Westerfeld
Accompanist:	Andrea Westerfeld
Acolytes:	Emily Borgman and Madelyn Bohman
Assisting Minister:	Laura Nicholson
Lay Reader:	Pam Narwold

Communion Assistant: Tara Lay  
Sound System: Sarah Bohman  
Offering Counters: Gary Westerfeld and Gene Krieger  
Altar Committee: Gary Westerfeld

## **Upcoming Events / Announcements:**

**Handbags for Hope Auction and Luncheon** to benefit Safe Passage will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for gently used or new handbags. We will collect those until July 29. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this event, make checks payable to Safe Passage. See the bulletin board for more information on how you can support this community ministry.

Art Salvitti is working to keep our **church's website** updated with current worship information and events. To help this stay current, Art would like pictures and information about our happenings. Please see the newsletter for more information, and how to submit materials. Thanks for your assistance with this project.

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## *Ready to Bear Witness*

Where does power come from? The usual answers—family connections, reputation, possessions—are all rejected in this reading from Mark’s gospel. Jesus’ power is not only independent of his family connection—it is hindered by it. While it isn’t entirely clear why the people of Nazareth reject Jesus, the fact that they do may sound familiar to us. How often do we find exactly what we expect when we encounter something new? How open are we, really, to the possibility that God’s power might come from an unexpected corner? The first part of today’s reading suggests that even miracles take two things: both divine power and willing witnesses.

Perhaps Jesus sends his disciples out stripped of their possession precisely so that *they* are ready to witness to God’s power in a new way. They go without any of the usual trappings of security or wealth, with no guarantee that their ministry will be received. In fact, Mark reminds us a few verses later (Mark 6:14-28) just how hostile the world can be to receiving the proclamation of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist will lose his life because of Herod’s resistance to repentance. Nevertheless, Jesus’ teaching continues to astound, and the word continues to spread.

The willingness to bear witness, even when we are not certain of answered prayer or mission success, is a theme that unites all this day’s readings. Even the Psalm, in its simple gaze of faith, invites us to let go of results in favor of relationship. Paul’s sometimes confusing logic about spiritual experiences becomes clear as he sums up God’s word to him: “My grace is sufficient for you . . . .” That is a powerful word, which can make almost any experience an opportunity to witness to Christ’s power.