



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**July 3, 2022**

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Merciful God, we worship you this morning as the one true God; the God who has blessed us with an abundance beyond measure. Lord, through your Word, this morning, brighten your light within each of us that we might be a brighter light shining to our nation and all the nations of the world! Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates: please stand, either in body or in spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

**Prelude Music**

**“This is My Song”  
“Seek ye first”**

**ELW #887  
W&P #122**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡**

**Welcome Song:**

**“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

**ELW #674**

**1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain***

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the † cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not always followed your path and have too often chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Save us from ourselves, free us from all that binds us, and empower us through your Spirit to love our neighbors as you have loved us. Amen.**

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom. In full assurance of justification by grace through faith, and by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins. Through the power of the Holy Spirit you are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

*(Repeat)*

1. Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger.

*(Repeat)*

**\*Greeting**

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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

O God,

**You send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

**‡GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 30**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD;**

**I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9a</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;**

**O LORD, be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;**

**O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## **Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are

not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of

Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive

themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's

work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for

we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an

opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not

themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast

about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For neither

circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for

those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of

God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

**“Open our eyes, Lord”**

**W&P #113**

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

**\*Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'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.' <sup>16</sup>Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me. <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

*Response after the gospel reading:*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kid's Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“We All Are One in Mission”**

**ELW #576**

**1. We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.**

**2. We all are called to service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.**

**3. Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

**\*Profession of Faith: The 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 the Church**

**ELW #178**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...  
God of abundance,

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**†HOLY COMMUNION†**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## \*Words of Institution

### \*The 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

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Come and be filled with the goodness of God.

### Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

### Distribution Song:

**"As the Grains of Wheat"**

**ELW #465**

*Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

**2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

## **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

## **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## **‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

## **\*Benediction**

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace,  
may the love of ‡ Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy,  
and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage and love for all,  
this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School  
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

## **\*Sending Song:**

**“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

**ELW #888**

- 1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**
- 2. O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**3. O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God!**

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**✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠**

Prayers for healing: **Dan Abel** (Stroke—Linda Lojka's brother), **Marv Braaten** (hip replacement surgery), **Jan Wylie** (broken pelvis due to a fall), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Alyson & Mason Wren** (pregnancy complications—Paul & Marsha Bueide's granddaughter), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Andrew Miller**, **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Claude Lovett** (Linda Lojka's uncle)

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.

### Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brynlee Payne, 7/3; Pastor Chris, 7/4; Bill Huelle, 7/7;  
Mel Knoedler, 7/8; Dawsyn Buckley, 7/9; Sandi Abel, 7/9

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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### JULY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Cereal

**BACKPACKS:** Packaged Treats

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



### Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!





## CLCW JULY MISSION PROJECT: D.O.V.E.S.

Domestic violence is a constant concern in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to a 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter, where those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for cash donations to help people set up new households. Some needed supplies: Non-perishable foods, brooms, mops, buckets, paper towels, and sponges. Other items needed: dishes, pots/pans, silverware, small knives, can openers, potato peelers, stirring spoons, etc., toys, books, puzzles for the kids, sanitary products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, combs, shaving cream, nail clippers, nail files, and bodywash. **No clothing, please.** Donations may be placed in the tan “*Designated Giving*” envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



**“Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it”  
Proverbs 22:6**

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts.  
every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

**WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!**

### Laundry Love



Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is July 16<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor’s offices.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

### **This Sunday – July 3**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Shari Copsey

**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen

**POWERPOINT:** Jack Martin

**ACOLYTES:** Micaela Hess

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

**AUDIO:** Trea Hess

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Dawn Holub

### **Next Sunday – July 10**

**USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**COMMUNION ASST:** Vicki Schmidt

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Ben Moravec & Jacey Cochran

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn

**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign Up!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, July 3**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, July 4**

*4<sup>th</sup> of July*

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, July 5**

1 p.m. – Quilting

### **Saturday, July 9**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

### **Sunday, July 10**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

JULY 3, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Being people of peace.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy
Monday	Isaiah 66:10-14	God helps Jerusalem
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Pursue peace
Thursday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord in a storm
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-18	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'"*  
Luke 10:5 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, help us to walk with you in life with peace and humility so that others may see and believe that through Jesus Christ your kingdom has come. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we give you thanks for you are awesome and your deeds are filled with good things, including the gift of this food today. Amen. (Psalm 66:5)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May you bear one another's burdens and know the peace and mercy of God.



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JULY 3, 2022  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*It Is Well with My Soul*



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

- Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:
- Life is filled with conflicts. What is a conflict you have experienced?
- How has your faith helped you in times of conflict?

**DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

Jesus sees a bigger reality at play in the work of the disciples as they announce the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus sees a world in need. Satan has fallen and evil has taken root. The disciples enter into the harvest field with a power like no other. This is not something to delight in. They go forth as "lamb into the midst of wolves" (v. 3). With a sense of humility, they know they are part of God's heavenly work. Instead of asserting their power, they are to go impoverished, needing the hospitality of others, and bringing peace. They enter towns and villages as guests and wait to be received by those willing to receive the kingdom of God. There is conflict; there is a battle going on that requires more and more disciples to engage. As Jesus said, "The laborers are few."

*Discuss:* How are you part of the laborers who are sent into the harvest fields to bring peace and healing?

*Pray:* Dear Jesus, give us eyes to see what you see and a heart to reach out to others with your love that brings peace and healing. Amen

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who might you bless with God's healing and peace?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers to go ahead of him. He told them that upon entering a house they were to say, "Peace to this house" (Luke 10:5). Practice this greeting when you visit others in their home this week. Establish a ritual in your own home of greeting others as they return from work or school using these words: **God's peace be with you.** Response: **And also with you.**



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