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First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 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. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 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. 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." 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." 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." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 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." 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! 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. 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'?" 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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of God; *
give thanks for the remembrance of the holiness of God.

For the wrath of God endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
the divine favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,*
"I shall never be disturbed.

Lord, with your favour, you made me as strong as the mountains." *
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with you, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? *
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Deuxième Lecture Galates 6:(1-6) 7-16

LECTURE DE LA LETTRE DE PAUL AUX GALATES.

[Frères et sœurs, si quelqu'un vient à être pris en faute, vous qui avez l'Esprit de Dieu, ramenez-le dans le droit chemin ; mais faites preuve de douceur à son égard. Et prenez bien garde, chacun, de ne pas vous laisser surprendre par l'épreuve, vous aussi. Aidez-vous les uns les autres à porter vos fardeaux : vous obéirez ainsi à la loi du Christ. Si quelqu'un pense être important alors qu'il n'est rien, il se trompe lui-même. Que chacun examine sa propre conduite ; s'il peut en être fier, il le sera alors par rapport à lui seul et non en se comparant avec autrui. Car chacun portera sa propre charge. Que celui qui est instruit dans la foi chrétienne partage les biens qu'il possède avec celui qui lui donne cet enseignement.]

Ne vous y trompez pas : on ne se moque pas de Dieu. Chacun récoltera ce qu'il aura semé. Si une personne sème en suivant ses propres penchants, la récolte qu'elle en aura sera la mort ; mais si elle sème ce qui plaît à l'Esprit saint, la récolte qu'elle en aura sera la vie éternelle. Ne nous lassons pas de faire le bien ; car si nous ne nous décourageons pas, nous aurons notre récolte au moment voulu. Ainsi, tant que nous en avons l'occasion, faisons du bien à tous, et surtout à nos frères et à nos sœurs dans la foi.

Je vous écris maintenant de ma propre main, comme vous le voyez à la grosseur des lettres. Ceux qui veulent vous obliger à vous faire circoncire sont des gens qui désirent se faire bien voir pour des motifs humains. Ils veulent uniquement ne pas être persécutés à cause de la croix du Christ. Ces gens qui se font circoncire n'obéissent pas eux-mêmes à la Loi ; ils veulent que vous soyez circoncis pour se vanter de vous avoir imposé ce signe dans votre chair. Pour moi, je ne veux tirer ma fierté que de la croix de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ ; en effet, grâce à elle le monde est mort pour moi et je suis mort pour le monde. C'est pourquoi être circoncis ou ne pas l'être n'a aucune importance : ce qui importe, c'est d'être une nouvelle création. À tous ceux qui se conduiront selon cette règle, je dis : que la paix et la bonté de Dieu leur soient accordées, ainsi qu'à l'ensemble du peuple de Dieu.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse
Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.

July 6th, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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God be with you.
All: And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, 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 anyone is there who shares in peace, 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 labourer 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 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. 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. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of Christ!
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Volunteer List

Duty Warden	Dave Longworth
Communion Assistants	x
	x
Server	x
Intercessor	x
Altar Guild	x
Sound	x
Greeter	x
First Reader	x
Psalm Reader	x
Second Reader	(French) x
Singers	x
	Judith MacDonald
	Israel Seminega
	x (instrumentalist)
Coffee Hour	x
	x
Prayer Team	x
	x