

JULY 6, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Gathering for meals is central to Jesus' work.

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	Isaiah 58:6-9	True religion
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-5	Tending the flock of God
Friday	Titus 3:1-8	Doing helpful things
Saturday	Psalms 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"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.'" Luke 10:8-9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, we thank you for the joy of fellowship with others and the simple pleasures of eating and drinking together that reminds us of your care through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for our life with others that encourages us and for this food that strengthens us, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's peace be with you.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
God's Work, Our Hands



WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a memorable time you gathered for a meal with others?
- How would you explain the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) to someone?

DEVOTIONS

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

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, there is a lot of eating and drinking. There is a simplicity, even an innocence, about how Jesus sends out the seventy to form faithful and caring communities. The beauty of the life Jesus brings is in shared hospitality. The kingdom of God is as near as daily fellowship through eating and drinking. Our life together gathered around meals is central to Jesus' work. This includes our meals together each day and when we receive the Lord's Supper. God's kingdom is near and experienced through people sharing God's peace with one another and caring for one another through fellowship while enjoying a meal together. Sitting together at a table is a powerful way to form community, to hear personal stories, and to care for the hurts and celebrate the joys in our lives. Amid being together, Jesus wants us to pray for one another and bring healing and peace to our lives and to our world.

Discuss: What stories have you heard, or joys have you celebrated around a meal? How has God's presence been felt during that time together?

Pray: **Nurturing God, we thank you for bringing us together into communities of care that feed, heal, and celebrate life in your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, have a meal with someone and share joys and sorrows together.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus sent out seventy 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 family, friends and neighbors' homes. Consider establishing a ritual in your own home of greeting others when they enter or return.

Use these words: **God's peace be with you.**



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