

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude: Hymn #716

God bless our native land

Hymn #522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14

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. 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?"

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, O GOD, with your favor, made me as strong as
the mountains."

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

9 I cried to you, O GOD; *
I pleaded with you, saying,

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

11 Hear, O GOD, and have mercy upon me; *
O God, be my helper."

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

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

The Epistle: Galatians 6:1-16

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. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 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. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 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. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 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. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 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 *People: Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory be to thee. O Lord

The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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 laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers 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 laborer 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 the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

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Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new

opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP C)

BCP 369

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction

Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

The Dismissal

From *The Book of Common Prayer* 1979
Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982
Psalm from *The Saint Helena Psalter* 2004

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Terry Ebersole, Betty Burdge, Susan Boring.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt, Delbert Hess, and Randy Maurer.

Readers and Greeters — July 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

July 6th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi
July 13 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
July 20 th	Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell-Loncella
July 27 th	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

July 6 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
July 13 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
July 20 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
July 27 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow

Sunday: The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6 th	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
July 10 th	10:00 am	Pet Food Pantry

Saturday's Kitchen

We are in need of at least 5 Volunteers for Saturday's Kitchen on July 19th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Kitty Batrus if you can help, at 814-288-1848 or kittyb2666@gmail.com.

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of the redeemer, Squirrel Hill,
the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, and the Rev. Diane Shephard

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In loving Memory of
Pat Shaffer
From Larry and Family
(From 3/9/2025)

In Loving Memory of
Karl Marootian
Perpetual Flowers
(From 4/13/20-25)

Next Week's Readings

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1,13-25
Luke 9:51-62

***Sharing Christ's Love Unconditionally through
Transformational worship and service***