

Pike's Peak, Colorado  
*To you I lift up my eyes*

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## **SUNDAY, LECTIONARY 14**

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

July 4, 2021 8:00 a.m.

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In accordance with the guidelines of the CDC and of Pima County, Arizona:

**Mouth and nose coverings (masks) are optional for worshipers who have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19.**

**Masks are required for worshipers who have not been vaccinated for Covid-19.**

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**WELCOME**

Pastor Stephen Springer

*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.*

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
‡ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us  
and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ‡ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

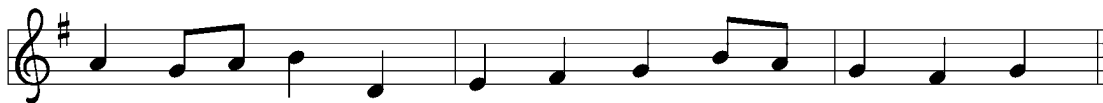
**Amen.**



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

## \*GREETING

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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

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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.**

## FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

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*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

A reading from 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.**

## PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 123

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The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.

Our eyes look to you, O God, un -  
til you show us your mer - cy.

Psalm 123:2

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- <sup>1</sup>To you I lift <sup>1</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,  
until you show <sup>1</sup> us your mercy.   REFRAIN**
- <sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough <sup>1</sup> of contempt,
- <sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the in- <sup>1</sup> dolent rich,  
and of the derision <sup>1</sup> of the proud.   REFRAIN**

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

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*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

A reading from Second 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.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Setting One

*The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor:*

I will boast gladly <sup>1</sup> of my weaknesses,\*  
 so that the power of Christ may <sup>1</sup> dwell in me. [2 Cor. 12:9]

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

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*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

The Holy Gospel According to Mark.

**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**

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*Pastor Stephen Springer*





1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers  
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -  
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on  
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -  
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and  
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -  
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed  
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.  
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.  
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.  
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.  
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite  
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676  
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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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*(The prayer petitions are frequently written or modified by the assisting minister, and vary between the first and second worship services.)*

*Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy,"  
and the assembly responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

## **COMMISSION**

Pastor Stephen Springer

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## **\*BLESSING**

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The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

## **DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Perla Casas Villa, song leader

Kevin Seal, organist