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*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

July 7, 2024

10:30 am

And He has said to me,  
**My grace is  
sufficient for you**

2 Cor. 12:9

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## SENT AND SUSTAINED IN GRACE

### AS WE GATHER

Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

### WELCOME

#### Blessed Be Your Name

##### *Verse 1*

Blessed be Your name - In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name - When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name

##### *Chorus 1*

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll - Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord - Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name

##### *Verse 2*

Blessed be Your name - When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name - On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

##### *Bridge*

You give and take away - You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say - Lord blessed be Your name  
You give and take away - You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say - Lord blessed be Your name

##### *Chorus 2*

Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name

## INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Mark 6:12*

Leader Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Congregation **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

Congregation **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Congregation **As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Leader The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:

Congregation **"Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them."**

Leader He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:

Congregation **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."**

Leader He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:

Congregation **"So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent."**

Leader Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name

of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader

Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ezekiel 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man 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 this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader

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**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**     *Mark 6:1–13*

Leader             The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**Congregation**   **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works 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>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>And 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 charged 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 put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when 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 people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Leader             This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation**   **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Pastor Greg**

### **By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God - In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness - Who walk by faith and not by sight  
By faith our fathers roamed the earth - With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand - A place where peace and justice reign

#### *Chorus*

We will stand as children of the promise - We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done - We'll walk by faith and not by sight  
By faith the prophets saw a day - When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go - In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news - In ev'ry corner of the earth  
By faith the mountain shall be moved - And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**Congregation** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Leader** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **hear our prayer.**

**Leader** Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples

continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** hear our prayer.

Leader Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** hear our prayer.

Leader Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may be added.*

Leader Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF COMMUNION +

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation 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**

### How Deep The Father's Love For Us

#### *Verse 1*

How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son - To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One - Bring many sons to glory

#### *Verse 2*

Behold the Man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice - Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there - Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished

#### *Verse 3*

I will not boast in anything - No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward - I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

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## My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts - In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through - You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go - In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through - You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### *Chorus*

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse - Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh - My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise - You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings - With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through - You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### *Bridge*

Fire before us - You're the brightest  
You will lead us - Through the storms (hey)

### *REPEAT 3X*

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

Leader           The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                      The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                      The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Congregation   Amen.**

## Your Grace Is Enough

### *Verse 1*

Great is Your faithfulness O God - You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy - And nothing can keep us apart

### *Pre-Chorus*

(So) remember Your people - Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

*Chorus 1*

Your grace is enough - Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

*Verse 2*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob - You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation - And all Your people sing along

*Chorus 2*

Yeah Your grace is enough - Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me - God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love - Your grace is enough for me for me

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