

## July 6th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

### The Readings on This Day

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### Sunday, July 3–9

#### Lectionary 14

We proceed through the standard Sundays after Pentecost, gathered together, hearing the word, sharing the meal, and with the seventy apostles, sent out to proclaim Christ to the world. God as a mother will support and comfort us.

#### [Isaiah 66:10-14](#)

Christians have often used biblical references to Jerusalem as metaphors for the church itself. So the church, which sends us out to proclaim the kingdom, is like a mother, washing us in baptism, nursing us with the wine of the eucharist. This passage is one of the very few in the Bible where God is explicitly likened to a mother. The passage is set parallel to Luke 10 to provide an image of nurture to accompany the tasks of Christian proclamation.

#### [The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard the poem that invokes the archetypal imagery of the nursing mother, we join together to sing [Psalm 66:1-9](#). Its imagery describes God's salvation with opposite imagery: God's enemies are cringing, the slaves have escaped to freedom, God rules over the nations. Christians apply the imagery of the heroic king to Christ. Paul would see the gospel as bringing us out of slavery as if we are the Israelites going "through the water on foot."

#### [Galatians 6:\[1-6\] 7-16](#)

In this the lectionary's last semi-continuous reading of Galatians, Paul renews his call for Christians to live in Christ's new creation. Lutherans have judged Galatians to be one of the most Christocentric books in the Bible, and thus we continue to give it serious attention.

#### [Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

We hear Luke's directions as applying, not only to ancient and contemporary missionary efforts, but to each Christian's proclamation of the kingdom. We now greet the world in peace, attend to the sick, and proclaim the word. Yet our pride and joy come not from our own successes, but from Christ's having conquered Satan. This would be an appropriate Sunday for the intercessions to pray for all missionaries.



