



# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of July 12, 2026

**Collect for the Week:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 55:10-13  
**Epistle:** Romans 8:12-17  
**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Hymn for the Week:** "For the Fruits of His Creation" LSB 894

*Notes on the Sermon:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Trinity Reads the Bible in 2026:** (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

July 12	Judges 7:1-23	Galatians 1:1-24	Ps. 67 (46; 93)
July 13	Judges 13:1-25	Galatians 2:1-21	Ps. 51 (85; 47)
July 14	Judges 14:1-20	Galatians 3:1-22	Ps. 54 (28; 99)
July 15	Judges 15:1-16:3	Galatians 3:23—4:11	Ps. 65 (125; 91)
July 16	Judges 16:4-30	Galatians 4:12-31	Ps. 143 (81; 116)
July 17	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 5:1-26	Ps. 86 (6; 19)
July 18	1 Samuel 1:21—2:17	Galatians 6:1-18	Ps. 122 (141; 90)

## NEXT Week's Readings

July 19	1 Samuel 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41	Ps. 110 (66;23)
July 20	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22	Ps. 62 (73; 8)
July 21	1 Samuel 4:1-22	Acts 16:23-40	Ps. 13 (36; 5)
July 22	<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16	Acts 18:1-11, 23-28	Ps. 96 (132; 134)
July 23	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17	Acts 19:1-22	Ps. 116 (26; 130)
July 24	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Acts 21:15-36	Ps. 85 (25; 40)
July 25	<i>St. James the Elder, Apostle</i> 1 Sam. 9:1-27	Acts 21:37-22:16	Ps. 61 (138; 98)



for home devotions &  
personal meditation

### From the Old Testament

My word...that goes out from my mouth...shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *Is 55:11*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** This word of God teaches us an important truth *about* the Word of God—that God's Word is efficacious! This means that God's Word is powerful to bring about God's intended effect. Your faith in Christ as your Savior is proof that God's Word is efficacious, because it was only through the Word of the Gospel that the Holy Spirit called you to faith and created in your heart this faith that clings to Christ and His promises. Oh, how rich in blessing is the Word of God! Treasure God's Word and use it diligently, as God intends.

### From the Epistle

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" *Rm 8:15*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** The Christian has a warm and intimate relationship with God the Father. This is a great gift and privilege for which we owe thanks to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died to make us God's true children. Fear not, but know that the Father to whom you pour out your heart dearly loves you.

### From the Holy Gospel

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty. *Mt 13:23*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** As you hear preaching, as you study the Scriptures, as you attend to the Word of God in any setting, pray that by the grace of God you may understand His Word and bear much fruit. Pray that this may happen to your Christian brethren everywhere, and to all to whom God's Word comes.