



# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of July 5, 2026

**Collect for the week:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Zechariah 9:9-12

**Epistle:** Romans 7:14-25a

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Hymn for the week:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" LSB 699

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

July 5	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25	Ps. 19 (81; 113)
July 6	Joshua 24:1-31	Acts 13:1-12	Ps. 136 (97; 112)
July 7	Judges 2:6-23	Acts 13:13-41	Ps. 123 (30; 86)
July 8	Judges 3:7-31	Acts 13:42-52	Ps. 15 (48; 4)
July 9	Judges 4:1-24	Acts 14:1-18	Ps. 36 (80; 27)
July 10	Judges 6:1-24	Acts 14:19—15:5	Ps. 130 (32; 139)
July 11	Judges 6:25-40	Acts 15:6-21	Ps. 56 (100; 62)

## NEXT Week's Readings

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)



for home devotions &  
personal meditation

### From the Old Testament

His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
*Zechariah 9:10c*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** The text speaks of the Messiah—the Savior Son of God sent by the Father in our flesh to rule in our hearts and bring us the joy of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God by grace through faith. In the summer many are blessed to be able **to travel to new places**. When the text speaks of Jesus' worldwide rule, what a truth that is for us believers to meditate upon—whether we are at home or away, near or far—and to proclaim to others!

### From the Epistle

Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me... Wretched man that I am! *Romans 7:20, 24a*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** The first sentence is no nonchalant excuse, as if Paul thought it a light and unimportant thing that he continued to sin. No, as the second sentence makes clear, Paul is very troubled by his sinning and wishes it were otherwise with him. Paul's comfort is that **Jesus Christ delivers him from "this body of death"** (vv. 24b-25). Our crucified Savior does the same for us.

### From the Holy Gospel

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** This is the life of the Christian. Daily we come—weary—to Jesus, daily we receive and submit to His yoke, daily we learn from Him in His Word, daily we find in Jesus rest for our souls, and daily we prove this amazing, mysterious truth: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.