

Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”

<sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them, <sup>56</sup> and they went to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow me.” But the man replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

**Sermon Hymn:** 568 Good News of God Above

**Sermon: Words To Live By**

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Distribution Hymns:** 573 Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying  
576 Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 456 v 1, 2, 3 Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** The New Service Setting  
(Please Follow Along on the Screen)

**Opening Hymn:** 232 Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

## Prayer of the Day:

*M: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## First Lesson - Isaiah 66:10-14

*Through the ministry of the Gospel God extends peace to the world. Through the preaching of the Word, the hand of the Lord is made known to his servants and the fury of the Lord is made known to his enemies. Where there was seeming defeat, there is now victory. Where there was despair there is now purpose. Where there was distraught fear, there is now the carefree joy of a child dancing in mother's lap. Yes, the Lord has nourished and comforted the faithful with his message of peace. It is our privilege to witness this kingdom work and rejoice with all Israel in the comfort that has come to our hearts.*

<sup>10</sup>“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. <sup>11</sup>For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance.” <sup>12</sup>For this is what the LORD says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” <sup>14</sup>When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 63, On Screen**

## Second Lesson - Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16

*Using harvest language, Paul is inspired to encourage our participation in the Lord's kingdom work. In our “Me” oriented culture, bearing our own burdens seems tough enough. But the Lord calls on each of us to help bear each other's*

*burdens. What joy is ours to fulfill the love-law of Christ as we share the message not only of forgiveness in Christ Jesus but also of comfort for the weary. This doing “good to all” even carries over into our support of kingdom workers as we share all good things with spiritual instructors.*

<sup>6</sup> Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, <sup>5</sup>for each one should carry his own load.

<sup>6</sup> Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup>The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

<sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. <sup>16</sup>Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

**Verse of the Day:** *Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 cf. RSV)*

## Gospel - Luke 9:51-62

*Following Christ leaves no room for vengeance, self-preservation or wrong priorities. So many want to follow Jesus, but only if a life of faith can be lived as much of the world as in the world. Breathless excitement wasn't enough; cultural conventions weren't enough; not even seemingly loving acts were enough to change Jesus' claim: Following Christ is all or nothing—it calls for total commitment.*

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for