

Pastor's Bible Study

July 6, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 9

Hymn 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Read Isaiah 66:10-14

1. In Isaiah 66:3-6, the Lord describes the unbelievers among the Jewish people. Of what does God accuse them in these verses, and how will they be punished?

2. Then, in verses 7–11, He describes the future glory of Zion. What picture does the Lord use to describe the miracle he will perform for it?

3. How does this prophecy and promise include us? See verses 12-14

Read Luke 10:1-20

4. Chapter ten begins with a reference to previous action. To what is Luke referring when he says, “After this...”? See 9:51-56 and 9:57-62.

5. Where does Jesus send the 72 and for what purpose? Compare this charge with the sending of “the twelve” in 9:1-6.

6. The words of Jesus in chapter ten help these 72 disciples as they go out to prepare the people for Jesus. What does each of Jesus’ statements tell us about their work?

A. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly . . .”

B. “As lambs in the midst of wolves.”

C. “Carry no moneybag, no knapsack.”

D. “Greet no one on the road.”

E. “Your peace will rest upon him.”

F. “Do not go from house to house.”

G. “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

H. “The one who hears you hears me.”

7. What do the 72 report about their work? See Luke 10:17.

8. To what does Jesus direct them upon hearing their enthusiastic report?

Devotional Thought (The Lutheran Study Bible)

Having previously sent out the Twelve (9:1-6), Jesus expands the breadth of His Gospel outreach by sending out 72 more workers. Then and now, many people who hear of Jesus’ kingdom end up rejecting it. Much as we hate to admit it, we, too, have responded indifferently and, at times, have rejected God’s will for our lives. How heartening to know that Jesus continues to reach out with compassion through the Gospel ministry He has established (TLSB, 1734).

Prayer

Lord, even as you have called me to faith and hope in the Gospel, keep me steadfast in the same. Amen.