



Altar Copy

**Sunday, July 7, 2024**  
**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”:* between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Stand as you are able.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.



## GATHERING HYMN: (ELW 665)

*Sing all 4 verses.*

### Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## GREETING

**P** From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

**P** For peace in the World, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all,  
**C** **for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**

**P** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
**C** **that we may live out truth and justice and grace,**

**P** for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,  
**C** **for life and for love, for work and our play,**

**P** for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,  
**C** **that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**B** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our Baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the Apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2: 1-5

*Please be seated.*

**L** A reading from Ezekiel.

*In 597 B.C. the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup>He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 123

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

<sup>3</sup>so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he show us his mercy.

**<sup>4</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

<sup>5</sup>too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

## SECOND READING: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12: 2-10

**L** A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn

was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**L** The word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1-13

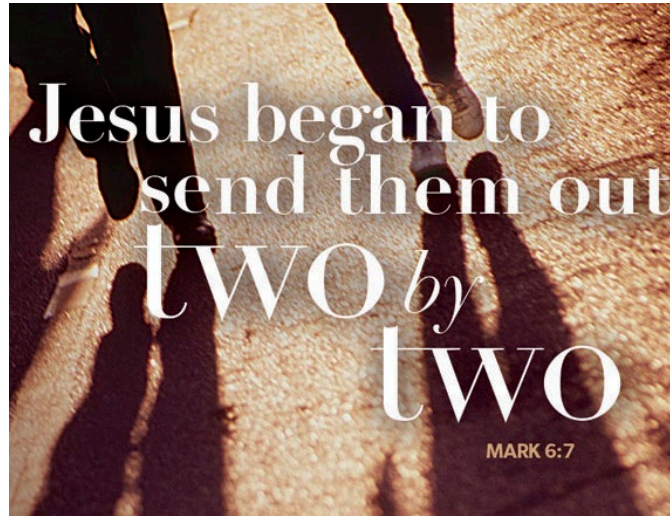
**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there,

except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.



## SERMON

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, You Give the Great Commission (ELW 579)**

*Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 2, and 5.*

**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**



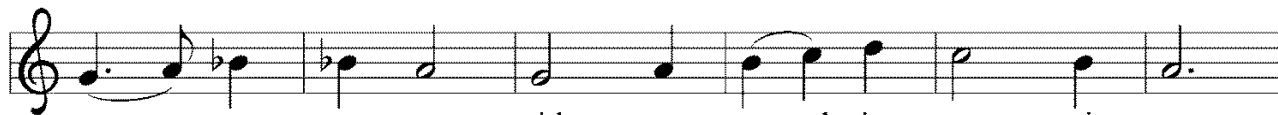
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into Heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*Silence for reflection.*

- A** Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way especially Michael, Niki, Emilie and Braxton, and all of those we hold in our hearts with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

### SHALOM

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THANKS

**P** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the World.  
**C** **Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
*(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)*

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav- en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from Heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary. He our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a Holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with you Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:

**C** **Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## COMMUNION HYMN



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

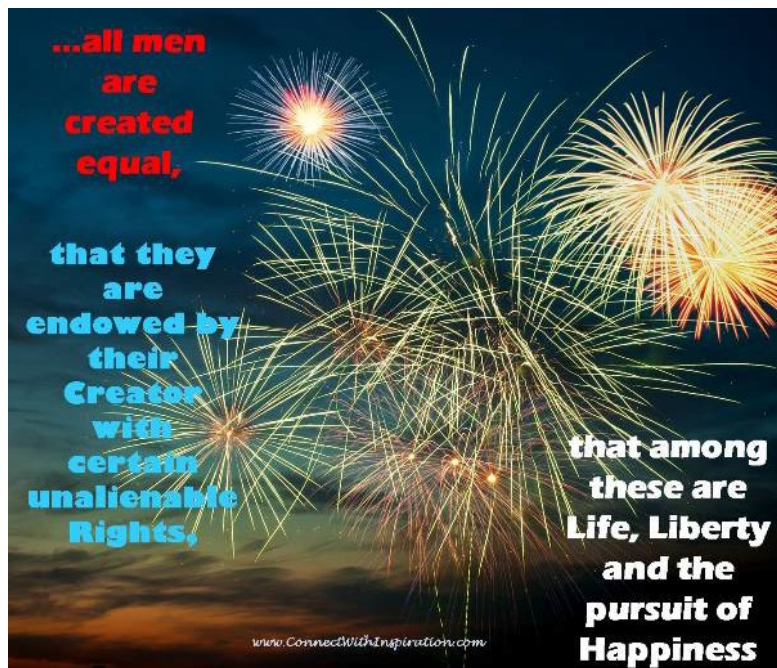
- P** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.
- C** **Amen**

## SENDING

- P** In this service God has strengthened us through word and sacrament. Now therefore let us make visible, the unity we share as we express a spirit of reconciliation. May our words and actions show that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service.

## BLESSING

- P** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our lives and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our body, our soul, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. God the Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit watch over us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.
- C** **Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN: (LBW 566)

*Sing all 4 verses.*

## My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
 thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
 sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that  
 to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

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## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.**C** **Thanks be to God.** *We go out--Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love. Amen!*

(The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

## POSTLUDE

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## Serving during worship this morning:

**Presider:** Jon Meister**Lector:****Musician(s):** Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:**

**Serving during worship next week:****Presider:** Jon Meister**Lector:****Musician(s):** Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All Baptized persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune. Worshippers who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine will find white grape juice available in the tray of communion cups. Please come forward using the left aisle and return to your seats using the right aisle.

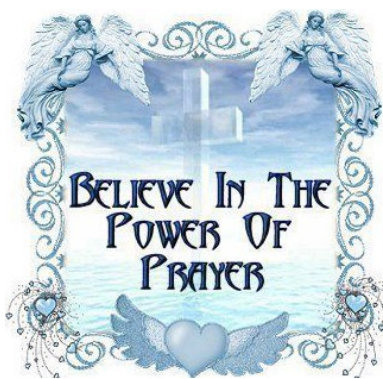
**CONTACT THE PASTOR**

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.



**SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH** We have Sunday morning Bible discussions every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:45 each week. We are going to be reading a book by C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* and discussing it. Please come and join our lively discussion. Bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you. If you wish. We are beginning a discussion of the Holy Trinity based upon a paper written by Alex Meister. Be sure to get in on the ground floor.

**FINDING US ON THE INTERNET** Some of you may know that the church has a wonderful website that was designed by Susie Taylor. She does a wonderful job updating it every week. Susie also has her own page on Facebook that I have referred to on several occasions. There are many items on her site that are great for thoughts of the day. It is *Stix-N-Stonez*. Check it out. However a new blogger on the scene is Alex Meister. Find him at "[christianameister.wixsite.com/blog](http://christianameister.wixsite.com/blog)". Alex has posted many of his essays on different topics relating to Christianity. Some we have discussed in our Sunday Bible Studies. I invite you to check out both of these Facebook sites. Then come to Bible Study and discuss your feelings.

**PRAYERS**

We are praying for Nicole Biler Robinette, (Tim's daughter). She is on the transplant list for a new heart. We pray that this will happen soon. Tim says that she is in good spirits. Keep her; her husband, Stephen; and her parents and family in your prayers. Also keep Emilie Harless and baby Braxton in your prayers. Please keep these people in your prayers as well: Michael Koch; Mike and Donna Toy, and all of those who are suffering from diseases or other health issues and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. Maybe send a card or something to let them know they are being remembered.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid) Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614-398-6302

THIS WHOLE PROPHET GIG  
DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME.  
THEY **ALWAYS** GET SENT TO  
SELF-CENTERED **BONEHEADS!**



I MEAN, WOULD **YOU** WANT  
TO SPEND TIME WITH  
ANYONE LIKE **THAT?**



**WHAT!?**



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