

pop up ever day. Even with the benefit of the Scriptures, preachers on the various forms of media spend their days telling us that if we send them money it will be blessed by God, or that they are the true religion, even though they do not teach Christ crucified. We are not so unlike the people at the time of Jesus. He was confronted with lies and deceptions even told about the Messiah. His solution; prayer. Pray in all truth and humility that God would find the true shepherds and send them out among the people with the beautiful message of salvation through Jesus. (I never know quite what to say about chapter 10 verse 4. The fact that Judas, one of the chosen Twelve, betrayed Jesus, is difficult to ponder.)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

¶ O God, King Eternal, You are our light and salvation our portion with the living. We, Your children, seek You now in prayer, and plead with You to rest Your hand of benediction on our soul.

Bless us, O Lord, with such faith in Your Son Jesus Christ that we believe in Him with all our heart. Trusting in His merits, give us the assurance of everlasting life. Bless us, from the fountain of Your Love with the water-of-life and the washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit.

Stretch Your arm over our land, that Your power and glory may be seen from shore to shore. Present Your Love, in the halls of government, in the busy workplace of commerce, and on the farm. Be the reason for study in the classroom, and enlighten the minds and hearts of people of whatever dignity or position in life. Let our people repent, that our land may know that You are Lord over all and that You work only through Yourself, having never given the responsibility of our life and work to another.

We pray this day, as Jesus has told us, for workers for the harvest. Call whom You will. Teach and train those so called that they will have success with Your Word among the people of the world who so dearly need to know of Your Love.

Look on all who suffer sickness or sorrow, the infirmities of age or the weariness of toil, separation from loved ones or uncertainty in decision, misunderstanding or bitterness, or any other adversity. Grant Your peace to all for whom we pray, showing Yourself as their help in time of need. Give them wisdom and understanding, wholeness, expectation and courage.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

These things we bring to You in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

© Amen.

## PROPER SIX

### Chant Tone



### Introit

Let the peoples praise You, — O God;\*  
let all the peoples — praise You!  
Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for You judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations up — on Earth.  
Let the peoples praise You, — O God;\*  
let all the peoples — praise You!  
The Earth has yielded its — increase;\*  
God, our God, shall — bless us.

God shall — bless us;\*  
let all the ends of the Earth — fear Him!  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy — Spirit;  
as it was in the be — ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. — Amen.  
Let the peoples praise You, — O God;\*  
let all the peoples — praise You!

(Antiphon, Psalm 67:3;  
Psalm 67:4-7)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

### Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un | searchable.  
on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.\*  
and I will declare your — greatness.

(Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b)

**ENTRANCE PRAYER:** We give thanks to You, O Lord, and sing to Your name, O Most High. You show forth Your loving-kindness every morning and Your faithfulness every night. You have made us glad through Your Word. We triumph in the work of Your hands. Grant us Your power from on high by sending us the gift of Your Holy Spirit according to Your promise. As You have given us power to become Your children through faith in Jesus, so grant us the determination to see that Your Word is spread. Help us see the needs of those around us, and give us the insight to be Your answer to those needs, especially their need for the saving knowledge of Jesus. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

**WATCHING JESUS AT WORK IN THE WORLD IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF WONDER AND DELIGHT.** Jesus calls the sinners of the world to "repent for the kingdom is at hand." This call creates the need for shepherds (Pastors) to work among these repentant people. In His humanity, the preacher Jesus, tells us to pray to God to ensure that there are sufficient called and ordained ministers of the Gospel, to fulfill the needs of the people of the world. In His Divinity, Jesus hears the prayer He thus requested. In the call of the Twelve, Jesus set His first missionaries the Apostles (the "sent") into their office. Through their work He created the office of shepherd. At the request of Jesus we now pray for workers for the harvest. God, calls, consecrates and ordains men to the office. There are many men among us who recognize the call of God in their lives. Pray that God would send them to the harvest fields.

#### **THEME OF THE DAY:**

Pray For Faithful Pastors

#### **INTROIT**—(Antiphon, Psalm 67:3;) Psalm 67:4-7

We use all but the first two verses of this Psalm in our worship today. ("<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on Earth, your saving power among all nations.") Martin Luther used those verses in the hymn, "May God bestow on us His grace." (823) This unattributed Psalm is a prayer which encourages the people of the world to believe in God (which is a bound up in the fact that we send out missionaries) because our God is great and gracious with the abundance of the harvest.

#### **COLLECT**

We praise God for the fact that we have heard God's saving Word as He sent it into the world and we ask that we are allowed to believe.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Exodus 19:2-8

In Exodus 19 God was preparing the people to receive His Law. For the most part God was preparing them for the 10 Commandments, while chapters 21, 22 and 23 have multiple other laws as laid out by God. It is almost comical that the people respond to the preparation with, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." The chapters preceding are rife with the complaints of the people against God, and we learn in the book of Deuteronomy that the generation that left Egypt would not be allowed to enter the promised land because of their sin. Still, God accepts their pledge and gives them His Holy Law.

#### **GRADUAL**—Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

In Psalm 145, David, encourages us to praise God. We have chosen, with these verses, to praise Him for His greatness.

#### **EPISTLE LESSON**—Romans 5:6-15

This text is about two totally different men. One might say there is a villain and a hero. Adam sinned and introduced sin to the entire human race. Jesus came into the world to conquer sin and to declare the sinful descendants of the Adam righteous. In baseball the "error" of one player can lose the game for the entire team. In our case, the error of one lost our perfection. Jesus assumed the burden of sin for the entire world. He picked up the errors of the entire world and paid the price for that sin. Jesus made it right with God so that we are no longer seen as the son of Adam, but the son of God.

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**—Matthew 9:35–10:20

We live in a world full of lies and deceptions. The in box of my email is often full of scams designed to get me to send money. Lies about God