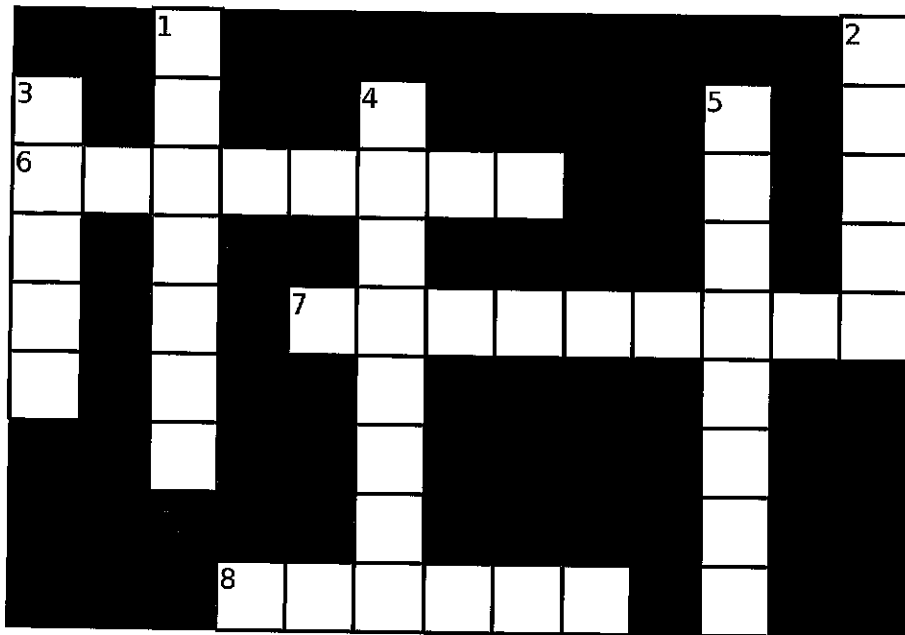


- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

CROSSWORD



Across

- 6 Paul said the appointed men must be above _____.
7 Paul says that God _____ those traveling with him through the arrival of Titus.
8 Titus was a _____ and confessor.

Down

- 1 Paul told Titus to _____ pastors to proclaim the Gospel.
2 Titus deeply _____ for all people.
3 Titus was a _____ who served as a missionary.
4 The harvest is plentiful, but the _____ are few.
5 Jesus told the seventy-two not to take _____ with them.

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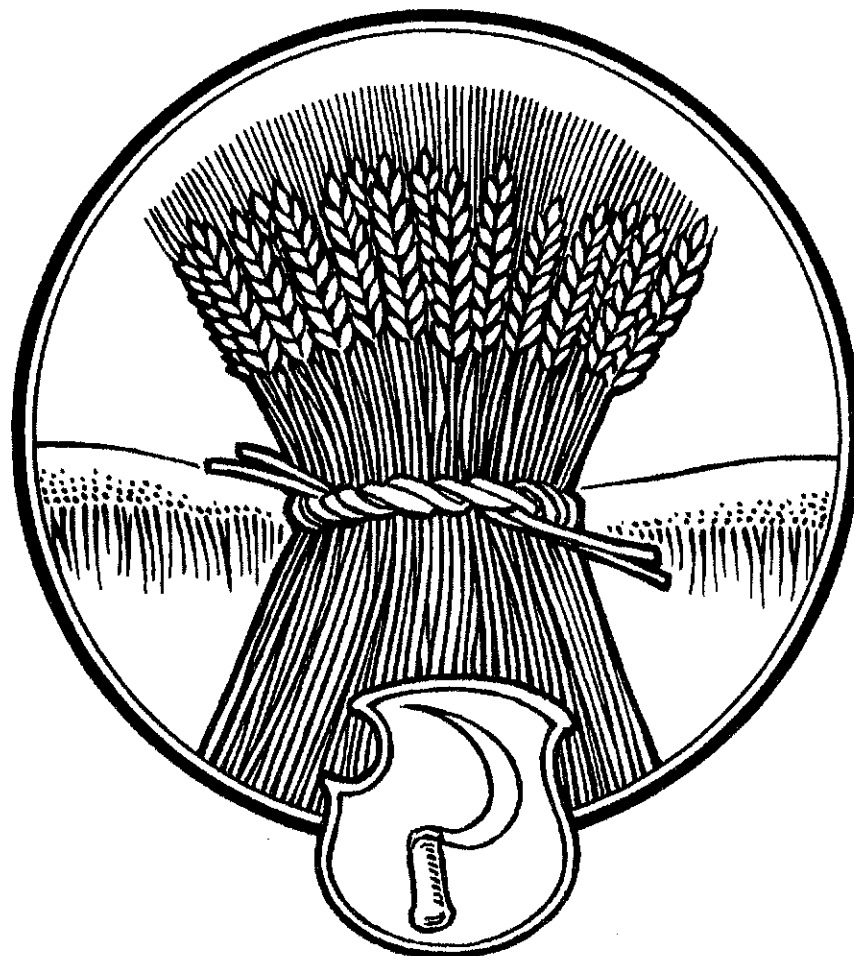
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. TITUS, PASTOR AND CONFESSOR (JANUARY 26)

The color for St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor, is white.



What to listen for during the service?

In 2 Corinthians 7, Paul says that God comforted those traveling with him through the arrival of Titus, because they were beginning to feel downcast. Listen for parts of the service that comfort us when we are downcast (sad). Who and what do we hear about that gives us joy even when we are sad?

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-9

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Where did Jesus send the "seventy-two others"?
- 2) What did Jesus mean when He said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"? Are there a lot of people willing to share the Gospel? Who does Jesus want us to share the Gospel with?
- 3) Why does Jesus tell the seventy-two not to take anything with them? Who should they trust to provide for their needs?
- 4) What does "a son of peace" mean? Is Jesus talking about someone who is not rejecting the one who is bringing the Gospel to him?

People of the Bible: Titus

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Titus. But who was Titus? Titus was a Greek who served as a missionary in the Church and companion to Paul during some of his travels. Paul describes Titus as his "partner and fellow worker" in 2 Corinthians chapter 8. In chapter 7, Paul says that God comforted those traveling with him through the arrival of Titus, because they were beginning to feel downcast (sad). At times Titus also traveled apart from Paul to proclaim the Gospel. In the Epistle to Titus, we hear Paul writing to Titus to give him

instructions to "put what remained into order" in Crete. Paul told Titus to appoint elders and overseers (pastors) to continue to proclaim the Gospel once Titus was gone. Not just any man could serve as a pastor. These appointed men had to be good men. Some of the standards listed for these men are: that they must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, have children who are believers, hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, disciplined, and hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught. Paul required this so that the appointed men would be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. When Paul says the men must be "above reproach" he means they must be blameless so that they do not bring shame to the Gospel of Christ. It is important for our pastors even today to follow these standards so that the Gospel of Christ is not blocked in any way. Titus deeply cared for all people and was eager to travel to bring them the Gospel.

HYMN – "Take My Life and Let It Be"

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.