



Isaiah
July 6

Time Period 8th century BC

Who was he?
An Old Testament prophet.

Did you know?

- He is considered the greatest of the writing prophets and is quoted in the New Testament more than any other Old Testament prophet.
- Although he was a fierce preacher of God's Law, he is also called the "Old Testament Evangelist" for his emphasis on God's grace and forgiveness.
- He clearly prophesied about the coming Messiah, foretelling His miraculous birth, His endless reign, His public ministry, and His "Suffering Servant" role and atoning death.

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2025 GOAL OF BEREA & ZION

COME AND SEE!

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Come and experience the faith that ties us together and keeps us at Berea and Zion. In a world of increasing uncertainty, you and I are encouraged to live and share the basics of our faith that keeps us here. It is vital, life and eternal life changing, to know Jesus, our Saviour who lived, suffered, died, and rose, for us, to set us free from the control of evil.

Our faith is grounded in the Good News that Jesus lives... the victory is won. Living the victorious life means that Jesus is an ever-present source of peace, comfort and hope in our lives. This year let's open doors for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of our families, friends and community by warmly inviting them to... "COME AND SEE"!

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family to be a part of, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ. Talk to Pastor John today.



*Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

Galatians 6:2

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As We Gather

Today's Old Testament Reading should be read last, for it is a call to rejoicing, at least for people of faith in Christ. The guaranteed future includes "peace . . . like a river" (Isaiah 66:12), a powerful and restful image. The Epistle, however, is full of marching orders for daily living and the warning, "let us not grow weary of doing good" (Galatians 6:9). When the Seventy-Two (not just the Twelve) went out in the Gospel, we do not know how fearful they may have been, but they returned triumphant and were congratulated by our Lord. Because He has won the final battle for us, our worship today may certainly focus on the peace that awaits us. It is an opportunity to "shout for joy to God, all the earth" (Psalm 66:1).

+ WELCOME AND SHARING OF PEACE +

Opening Hymn

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

*1 "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.*

*2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.*

*3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.*

*4 "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!*

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Opening Versicles

L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: make haste to help me, O Lord, Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 66:1-7

L: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."
C: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."
L: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
C: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,
L: who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. AMEN

Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 66:10-14

(The prophet calls for rejoicing in the present time, for God has promised comfort and peace.)

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

Epistle

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

(Paul encourages mutual caring and global outreach.)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. AMEN.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 10:1-20

(Jesus rejoices with the disciples as they return with good news.)

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. And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'

And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 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. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our

feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!"

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Hymn of the Day

644 The Church's One Foundation

*1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

*2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.*

*3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How
long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.*

*4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

*5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.*

Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!*

Kyrie

L: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**

L: O Christ, **C: have mercy.**

L: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

Versicles

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

L: In the day of my trouble I call upon You;

C: for You answer me.

L: Hide Your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquities.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

L: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

L: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

L: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

C: my lips will praise You.

L: For You have been my help,

C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

L: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

C: unite my heart to fear Your name.

L: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C: and I will glorify Your name forever.

L: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

L: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

L: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day & Additional Collects

L: *Let us pray:* Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

L: Lord, grant hopeful faith to all who are not at peace this day. Give them strength to endure both national upheaval and internal stress as they await Your promised peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Jesus, where Your church is divided, unite it in faith; where it is fearful, strengthen resolve; and where it has forgotten the Gospel, raise up leaders to speak Your word of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, guide and defend Your whole Church. Bless our Synod President Rev. Teuscher and our Regional Pastor Rev. Bublitz. Grant wisdom and grace to all pastors, teachers, and congregation members. Send the light of Your truth into all the earth that many would come to receive Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, You bore our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in any way. Bring healing as You know is best. Uplift them with Your strength to bear in these moments. Point them to the hope that is ours now and the assurance of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus on our last day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, preserve our country in justice and honour that we would lead peaceable lives with integrity. Grant health and favour to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. We thank you for the blessings of the past, and entrust them to your future care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer. AMEN

Morning Prayer

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. AMEN

Benedicamus and Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn

763 When Peace, like a River

*1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain*

*ref. It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain*

*3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain*

*4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain*

Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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