

*Theme for Sunday, July 10, 2011*  
*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**“Let’s Celebrate!”**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise!

Psalm 100: 4

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 100**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing!

C: **Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**ALL: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**Hebrews 13: 13 – 15**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

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Today's Gospel Lesson

Matthew 12: 1 – 8

<sup>1</sup>At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup>But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." <sup>3</sup>He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup>how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup>Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? <sup>6</sup>I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup>And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup>For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

God Bless You!