

June 7, 2026

## First Reading

*Psalm 50:7-15*

A reading from the 50<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.

I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;

for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Second Reading

*Romans 4:13-25*

A reading from the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world  
did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law  
but through the righteousness of faith.

For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,  
faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath,  
but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith,  
in order that it may rest on grace,  
so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants,  
not only to the adherents of the law  
but also to those who share the faith of Abraham  
(who is the father of all of us, as it is written,  
"I have made you the father of many nations"),  
in the presence of the God in whom he believed,  
who gives life to the dead  
and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope,  
he believed that he would become "the father of many nations,"  
according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be."  
He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body,  
which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old),  
and the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God,  
but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,  
being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him,"  
were written not for his sake alone but for ours also.

It will be reckoned to us who believe in him  
who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,  
who was handed over for our trespasses  
and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**