

Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the
nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the
earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood
of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold,

O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to
you double.

Romans 7:14-25a (ESV)

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual,
but I am of the flesh, sold under
sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own
actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I
do what I do not want, I agree with the
law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no
longer I who do it, but sin that dwells
within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing
good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.
For I have the desire to do what is
right, but not the ability to carry it
out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want,

but the evil I do not want is what I keep
on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not
want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin
that dwells within me.

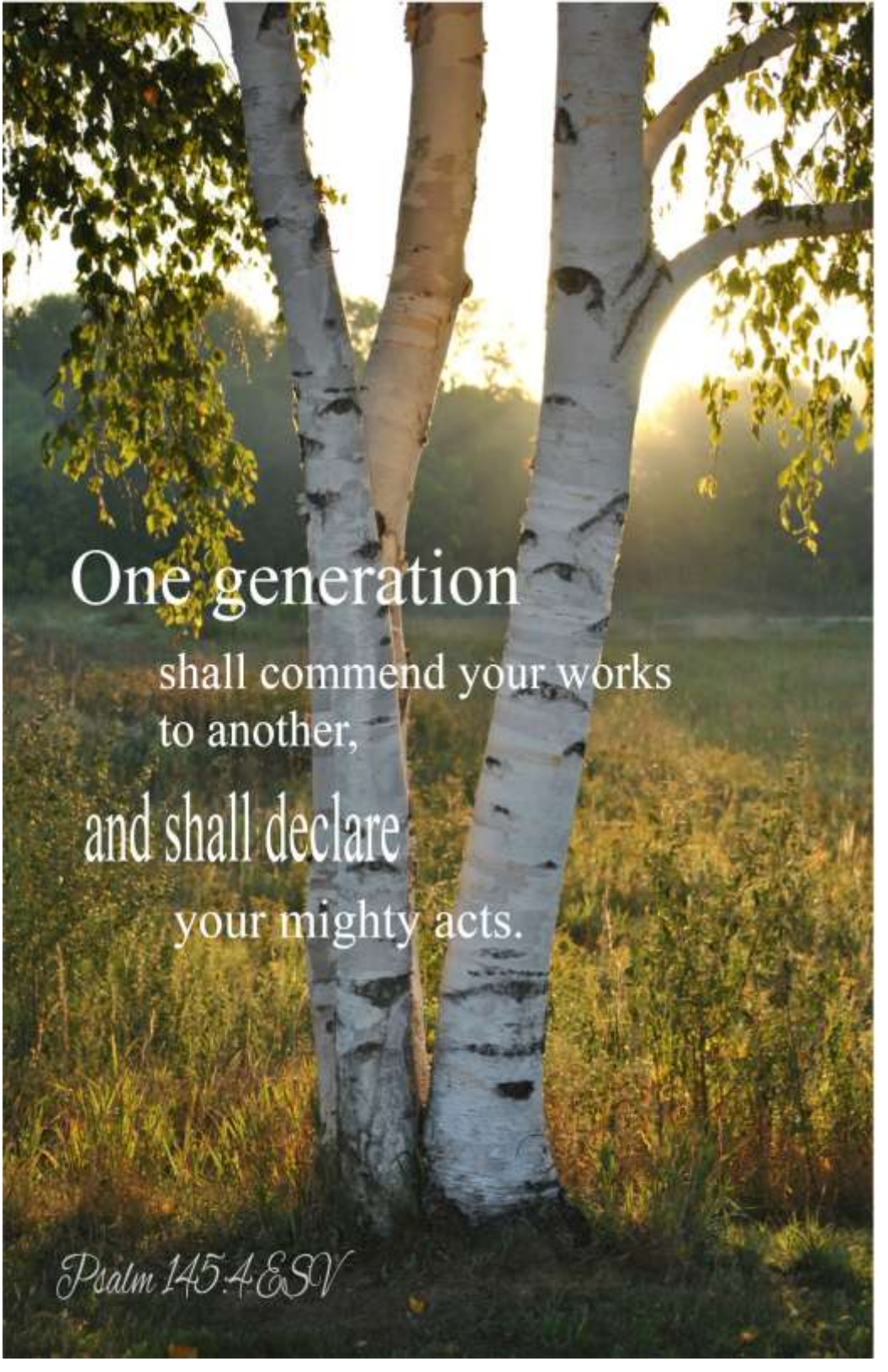
²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I
want to do right, evil lies close at
hand. ²² For I delight in the law of
God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in
my members another law waging war
against the law of my mind and making
me captive to the law of sin that dwells
in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I
am! Who will deliver me from this body
of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise
you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things
from the wise and learned, and
revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes,
Father, for this was your good
pleasure.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to
me by my Father. No one knows the
Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and
those to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are
weary and burdened, and I will give
you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you
and learn from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy
and my burden is light."



One generation

shall commend your works
to another,

and shall declare
your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4 ESV

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

AS WE GATHER ~ There are few things that are certain in life. It is frequently said that death and taxes are two of them. For those who believe in Christ, death and its grief only precedes eternal life with Christ Jesus. As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for those who willingly laid down their lives so we could live in freedom and establish a government vested with the authority to manage, propagate, and sustain our freedom. In order to do this, government institutions impose necessary taxes. These funds in turn support the governing authorities placed over us. No matter where political alliances fall, it is clear in Holy Scriptures, that God has placed these authorities over us. The Apostle Peter wrote: "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority. . . . Show proper respect to everyone; love the brotherhood of believers; fear God, honor the King" (1 Peter 3:13, 17). So in the midst of political prosperity, despair, strife, or accord, we rely on God's mercy and grace for eternal life and know that in the incarnate presence of Christ, God remains forever 'with us.'

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Elder/Reader	Paul Bohn and Dick Bluemer
A/V	Mark Richardson
Ushers	Dave Hutfilz and Dave Little
Altar Guild	Connie Richardson and Chris Farrar

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 105 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,729 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$3,272; Capital Projects \$75; God's Helping Hands \$70; Memorials Marsh Pretzer \$485, Steve Knoerr \$75.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: July 5- JoAnn Merz; July 6- Kevin Ross, Liam Zastrow, Luke Zastrow; July 7- Rebecca Kumar, Kim White; July 9- Larry Beyersdorf, (his 87th) Joshua Bohn; July 10- Valori Kade.



Welcome Vicar Ron and Cathy Zuccaro. Vicar Ron will be installed during the worship service this morning. All are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall following the service for a light lunch and welcome the Zuccaro's.

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems