18th October – St Luke

Collect
Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 147.1-7
Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

Luke 10.1-9
After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Post Communion
Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for the week ahead:

Monday 19th October
Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126; 2 Kings 21.1-18; 1 Timothy 1.1-17.

Tuesday 13th October
Psalms 132, 133; 2 Kings 22.1-23.3; 1 Timothy 1.18-end of 2.

Wednesday 21st October
Psalms 119.153-end; 2 Kings 23.4-25; 1 Timothy 3.

Thursday 22nd October
Psalms 143, 146; 2 Kings 23.36-24.17; 1 Timothy 4.

Friday 23rd October
Psalms 142, 144; 2 Kings 24.18-25.12; 1 Timothy 5.1-16.

Saturday 24th October
Psalm 147; 2 Kings 25.22-end; 1 Timothy 5.17-end.