



Second Reading
July 4
5 Pentecost
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

6 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. **2**Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **3**For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. **4**All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. **5**For all must carry their own loads. **6**Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. **7**Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. **8**If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. **9**So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. **10**So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

14May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **15**For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!
16As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. **17**From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. **18**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.