

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

8th Sunday after Pentecost July 14th, 2024 10:30 a.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

ELW #697

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

"I Saw the Light" CCLI #45064 On screen

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW #774

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Eden Elizabeth Geigle Daughter of Tara & Jason Geigle

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME OF NEWLY BAPTIZED

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISM SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

Verse 1

ELW #595

FIRST READING: AMOS 7:7-15

Brenda Hove, reader

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷ This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

Please read responsively.

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

GOSPEL: MARK 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

The holy gospel according to Mark chapter 6, beginning with verse 14. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessed Assurance" CCLI #106879 ELW #638

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ELW #751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Please pray for James, Ellen, Morgan, Denell, Terry, Michelle, Leona, Ron, and Eleanor.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

OFFERING "We are So Blessed" On screen CCLI #15991

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

ELW #536

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Cameron Oster, given by Chris & Keli Berglund.

HOLY BAPTISM - We welcome Eden Elizabeth Geigle, daughter of Tara & Jason Geigle to the family of God, who will be baptized today. Sponsors are Diana Bate, Roberta (Tweet) & Mark Kepler.

CHURCH-TO-GO BAGS - Our 2nd round of Church-To-Go Bags are ready "to-go"! Grab a bag from the Narthex to use on your next family outing this summer.

TRINITY LUTHERAN EVENING AT THE LARKS – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 16th. Tickets are first come first serve for our reservation so get yours today! Visit larkstickets.com and use code "TrinLuthChurch" to purchase your tickets. July 16th is also Bulletin Tuesday so you can show a Trinity bulletin and get a free hot dog and chips voucher.

CANOE/KAYAK SUMMER TRIP - There is still room on this summer's Canoe/Kayak adventure down the Missouri. We will leave the morning of Thursday, July 25th, and arrive in Bismarck on the afternoon of July 27th. The cost is only \$50. This trip is for middle school, high school or adults. To register, email Pastor Mark at narum@trinitybismarck.com.

BLACK PARTY & CORN FEED - Save the date for Sunday, August 11th. More info to come!

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 7-14

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday 7-15

6 PM - Lutherans in Leather in parking lot

Tuesday 7-16

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

Wednesday 7-17

6 PM - Worship outdoors at Peace Chapel

Thursday 7-18

5 PM - Mental Health Task Force in Conf.

Room

Sunday 7-21

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Prayers for those at the ELCA Youth Gathering in

