

# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

07/14/2024

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### The Invocation

**P:** When we worship, we acknowledge our relationship with God, our understanding of what he has done for us in Christ, and what he has called us to be in His Spirit.

**C:** *When we worship, we worship together, for we acknowledge also our community with one another.*

### Our Confession

**P:** O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us your presence among us in these moments of worship, as we seek to gain perspective of the world in relation to our needs and your word. We confess we have not been the person you would desire.

**C:** *For we have sought security in our own creations.*

**P:** Though the world needs compassion we seek revenge.

**C:** *Though the world is lonely and without direction, we continue on with old patterns of aimlessness and withdrawal.*

**P:** Though knowledge is not wisdom, we think we are wise because of our knowledge.

**C:** *Though people are not things, we tend to use them as disposables.*

**P:** We have put our trust in ourselves and the world, O God, and now we are fearful, alone, bewildered, and empty.

**All:** *Forgive us, and fill us with your forgiveness and love so that we may be empowered to live your will. Amen.*

**P:** Jesus said, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more." And I say to you, do not weep or punish yourself, for you are accepted and forgiven as you are. Accept the fact that you are accepted and that you are free from bondage to your past and from anxiety in your future. You are free to live fully in the here and now. Receive this gift and live in God's love.

**C:** Amen.

**The Call to Worship Hymn:** [ELW#733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"](#)

## The Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Within the wonders of God's creation, let us pray for the ability to give future generations an earth which is healthier than we received it.

**C: Make us an instrument of healing to the earth.**

**P:** Let us pray for justice, equality, and understanding among the people of this world.

**C: Make us an instrument of compassion.**

**P:** Let us pray for peace among nations, peace among religions, peace within the streets of our nation, and peace within our families.

**C: Make us an instrument of your peace.**

**P:** Let us pray for the Church as it gathers and proclaims the Body of Christ.

**C: Make us an instrument of your word.**

**P:** Let us pray for the sick, the dying, those who are social outcast, those who are hungry, and those who are poor and homeless.

**C: Make us an instrument of your love.**

**P:** In becoming an instrument of Christ's life we then can lift our voices in songs of joy and praise to you.

**The Hymn of Praise:** [ELW#885 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"](#)

## Prayer of the Day

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

**L** A reading from Amos: <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>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."

<sup>10</sup>Then 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. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

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

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

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

**L** <sup>8</sup>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.

**C** <sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

**L** <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C** <sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**L** <sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**C** <sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

**L** The holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter: <sup>14</sup>King 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." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>For John

had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Our Belief**

***All: We believe in God, Father to all mankind who has called us all to work together to build a new world of unity and peace.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and our brother, who suffered died and rose again for us, that we might learn to live for others, and find hope in His victory over death.***

***We believe in the Church, the unity and fellowship to which all people are called, that we may heal the shattered world, and find a new and better life through Christ our Lord and the life to come. Amen***

**The Hymn of the Day:** [ELW#420 "By All Your Saints"](#)

**The Sermon:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#) - Pastor Jack

**The Offering\*:** [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

## **The Prayers**

L One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**L** You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the family and friends of Beth Conner, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Tom, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**The Closing Hymn:** [ELW#867 "In Thee Is Gladness"](#)

## **Dismissal**

P. Go in peace, Serve the Lord

***C. Thanks be to God.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday, 7/17/2024 – Council Meeting 7 pm at the church
- Saturday, August 10, Frederick Keys Baseball Game, Meet at Stadium at 5:30 pm
- Sunday, August 11 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

\*Offering to be sent to  
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