

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship for Sunday July 14, 2024

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise as you are able)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Open wide the doorways of our sanctuary!

P: **May the king of glory come into our midst.**

L: Who is this king of glory?

P: **This king of glory is our Savior Jesus Christ.**

L: Open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus Christ.

P: May our spirits and our hearts receive his blessing now and forever. AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL AND GATHERING HYMN

“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”-

#499

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

SALUTATION

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: 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

Please be seated

WORD

OUR FIRST READING is from the book of Amos, chapter 7, verses 7 through 15.

⁷This 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. ⁸And 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;

⁹the 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. ¹¹For 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; ¹³but 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, ¹⁵and 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!

OUR SECOND READING is from the book of Ephesians, Chapter 1, verses 3 through 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.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

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.

¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

(Please rise as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY -

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams” # 763

(With One Voice –Blue Hymnal)

PRAYER SONG



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,



and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.



In sea-sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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 especially* Jeff & Sue, Bonnie, Anita, Grete, Bettie, Sherry, Charlotte, Scott, Fran, Heidi, Samantha, Wendy S., Kim N., Julie N., Tammy L., Jean D., and all those we name in our hearts. *for* In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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.

P: All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you especially Delores, Kayla, Scott, Judy and those we name in our hearts. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

(Shaking of hands and sharing the peace with others around you.)

OFFERTORY

(ELW # 682)

English I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing
Je - sus from my heart. I am thank - ing Je - sus,
I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus from my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

Gracious God, may our prayer together increase our faith in your companionship, our hope in your love, our love for your people. As we offer this bread and wine, may we be strengthened in our friendship with you, now and forever. We ask this through Jesus the Lord.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
Broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink , saying;
This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
And for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

P: So reaching out to one another, let us join hands with one another and pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

(You are invited to hold hands with our neighbor)

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. And all are Welcome. Come!

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN -


(TFF #253)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain




Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

(Please rise as you are able)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✝ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN - “Lead On O King Eternal” #495

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: Anita Nielsen

Communion Assistants: Brad Larsen & Jeff Alderson

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: Brad Larsen

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: Ed Young

WORSHIP LEADERS NEXT WEEK (Sunday 7/14):

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: Calaway Alderson

Communion Assistants: Calaway & Jeff Alderson

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: Jeff Alderson

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: Brad Larsen

**SPECIAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

TODAY SUNDAY

JULY 14, 2024

following worship

Currently 1 Agenda item:
L.A.C.E. Scholarships.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

There are index cards and a basket in the back are on the table by the bulletins. We are asking that you fill out a prayer card before service and leave it in the basket.

†The basket will be brought up to the lectern so they can be read the congregation so everyone will be able to hear what /who the Joys and Concerns are.

The Calendar....



Sunday, July 14, 2024 -

9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live
10:30a.m. – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/COFFEE HOUR

Monday, July 15, 2024-

Office CLOSED

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Office CLOSED

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Thread By Thread OPEN
6:00 p.m.—Bible Study, hearth room

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Office CLOSED

Friday, July 19, 2024

Office CLOSED

Sunday, July 21, 2024 -

9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live
10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR