

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, 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,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;

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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter 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 to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,
English Standard Version®.*

In Our Prayers this Week—

• *July missions of the month, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and Vicar Luke Konkel.*

• *Peace among nations.*

• *Jean Estrello, recovering from surgery.*

• *Bob Koepke, recovering from heart surgery.*

• *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill, diagnosed with cancer.*

• *Eric Payne, son of Jerry and Betty Payne, recovering from surgery.*

• *Karl Eippert, recovering from a broken hip.*

• *Joan Eippert, receiving treatment for cancer.*

• *Jayne Cotter, recovering from surgery.*

• *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb, diagnosed with brain cancer.*

• *Mike Grisolono, relative of Sandy and Dean Korb, recovering at home.*

• *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann, battling cancer.*

• *Tom Rozegnal, grandfather of Lorraine Harrill, receiving radiation treatment.*

• *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*

• *Please also keep in prayer*

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

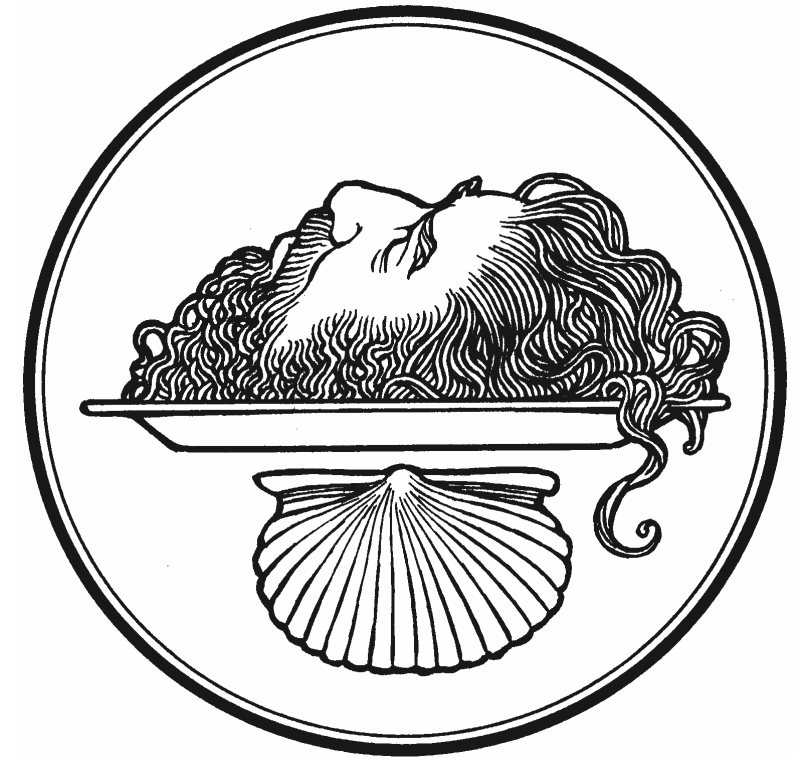
—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Cascade and Rev. Richard Bidinger;*

—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying,
"I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."*

Mark 6:25

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

THE LORD JESUS BRINGS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH DEATH INTO LIFE BY THE PREACHING OF REPENTANCE

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him “from following the flock” and said to him, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel” (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would “die by the sword,” and Israel would “go into exile away from his land” (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod “sent and seized John and bound him in prison,” even though he knew that John “was a righteous and holy man” (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod “sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head” (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist “has been raised from the dead” (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself “before the foundation of the world,” and even now by faith, “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” has blessed us in Christ “with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also “were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ Verse of the Week — Mark 6:42 “And they all ate and were satisfied.”

❷ Hymn of the Week — LSB #644 — “The Church’s One Foundation”

❸ Collect of the Week — *Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ Daily Bible Readings — **M:** Judg. 15:1–16:3; Gal. 3:23–4:11 **T:** Judg. 16:4–30; Gal. 4:12–31 **W:** 1 Sam. 1:1–20; Gal. 5:1–26 **Th:** 1 Sam. 1:21–2:17; Gal. 6:1–18 **F:** 1 Sam. 2:18–36; Acts 15:22–41 **Sat:** 1 Sam. 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22; **Sun:** 1 Sam. 4:1–22; Acts. 16:23–40

❺ Preparing for Next Sunday — Lessons for Pentecost 9 (July 21, 2024): Jeremiah 23:1–6; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–44; Psalm 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 14, 2024

Greeters — John Kaiser & Pennie Scallorn

Elder — Chris Neumann; Usher — Mark Mathe

Altar Guild — Bunnie Grisar, Jr. Altar Guild — Betsy Marks

Cantor — Jeff Ourada; Acolyte — Jonah Marks

Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada

Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

Introit *(sung responsively after confession & absolution)* Psalm 143:1–2. 8a; antiphon: v. 11



For your name’s sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,*

for in | you I trust.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For your name’s sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Collect *(spoken by pastor)*

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *(sung responsively)* Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

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