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## **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

Measuring Up In Faith

July 14, 2024

**Divine Service 4**



## **PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SERVANT PROCESSIONAL**

#### **As We Gather**

The Holy Bible reminds us in Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. "For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." The governing authorities placed over us are intended for good order and protection for us as citizens and for the establishment of laws. Yet what happens when governing authorities do evil rather than follow the will of God? In today's Gospel from Mark 6, we are

reminded what evil governing can do, as King Herod would behead John the Baptist. Though it was a time of sobering grief and shocking sorrow for the disciples and Christ Himself, yet Jesus would continue in His mission for the sins of the world. Herod's kingship would eventually come to an end. But the Christ's kingship would be established to rule forever and ever. May we obey willingly the appropriate authorities placed over us, yet amid obvious sinfulness in earthly governance, remain firm with our citizenship under the Christ the King and His Kingdom.

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **Hymn of Invocation: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief

Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall  
daily attend you.

Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in  
me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come  
now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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78, alt.

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## Profession of Faith

*LSB pg. 32-33*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus  
Christ said to His apostles:

"Whoever confesses Me before  
men, I will also confess before My  
Father who is in heaven. But  
whoever denies Me before men, I  
will also deny before My Father  
who is in heaven." Lift up your  
hearts, therefore, to the God of all  
grace and joyfully give answer to  
what I now ask you in the name of  
the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of  
God and of this congregation

acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**P** The grace of our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

**☩ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Prayer for Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**P** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve 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!**

**P** Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous  
before you.

**C** 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 beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** For your name's sake, O LORD,  
preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my  
soul out of trouble!

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,



**Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament**

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This 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. <sup>8</sup>And 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; <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."

## **Amos Accused**

<sup>10</sup>Then 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. <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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85:8–13

**P**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
 for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
 but let them not turn back to folly

**C**<sup>9</sup>**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
 that glory may dwell in our land.**

**P**<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
 righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**C**<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
 and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**P**<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
 and our land will yield its increase.

**C**<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness will go before him  
 and make his footsteps a way.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

### Spiritual Blessings in Christ

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he

has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In 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, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

*LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Verse***LSB 205*

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**Alleluia***LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel***Mark 6:14–29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**The Death of John the Baptist**

<sup>14</sup>King 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." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 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. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to 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 put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for 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.

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**G** I believe in God, the Father  
Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again  
from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting.

Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem  
drowns

All music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing  
 Of Him who died for thee,  
 And hail Him as thy matchless king  
 Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
 The God incarnate born,  
 Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
 Which now His brow adorn:  
 Fruit of the mystic rose,  
 Yet of that rose the stem,  
 The root whence mercy ever flows,  
 The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
 Behold His hands and side,  
 Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
 In beauty glorified.  
 No angels in the sky  
 Can fully bear that sight,  
 But downward bend their wond'ring  
 eyes  
 At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
 Who triumphed o'er the grave  
 And rose victorious in the strife  
 For those He came to save.  
 His glories now we sing,  
 Who died and rose on high,  
 Who died eternal life to bring  
 And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
 Enthroned in worlds above,  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
 The wondrous name of Love.  
 Crown Him with many crowns  
 As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many



crowns,

For He is king of all.

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## Sermon: “Perfectly Plumb ... or Plumb Crazy?” *Amos 7:7-15*

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord in your mercy

**C** hear our prayer

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### Offertory Hymn: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
 Give thanks to the Holy One,  
 Give thanks because He’s given  
 Jesus Christ His Son.  
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
 Give thanks to the Holy One,  
 Give thanks because He’s given  
 Jesus Christ His Son.  
 And now let the weak say “I am  
 strong,”  
 Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
 Because of what the Lord has done  
 for us.  
 And now let the weak say “I am  
 strong,”  
 Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
 Because of what the Lord has done  
 for us.  
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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*Sit*

## Offering

### 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.

*Sit*

**Benedicamus** *LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on  
you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 696 O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,

Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.

3 Keep me from saying words  
That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes  
With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends  
For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught,  
To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might  
To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day  
 When all the dead are waking,  
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
 My deathly slumber breaking.  
 Then let me hear Your voice,  
 Redeem this earthly frame,  
 And bid me to rejoice  
 With those who love Your name.

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**WITH HEARTS AND ARMS WIDE OPEN ...** Today we are blessed to welcome four adult Christians into communicant membership of Trinity Lutheran Church by Adult Confirmation, Affirmation of Faith, and Transfer of Membership. We celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in sending these strong believers in Christ Jesus into our congregation fellowship: *Evonne Hertel, David Avery, and Dennis and Stacey Sprague*. Join us for a cake and coffee reception for our new members immediately after the worship service today.

**Our SCUBA vacation Bible School is going “Swimmingly.”** The kids had a great time “diving” into Jesus’ Word. Starting with the opening Songs and Skits, Sticky Bible Scriptures, and wonderful

snacks like “fish and chips” (Goldfish crackers and chips), Cupcakes with “Jonah's Whale” to name a few. During the rains, the Games had to come inside but Laura Groeller and Elizabeth Eppler were able to adjust and games were done indoors.

We had 24 Kids average every day.

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS July 14, 2024**

### **Divine service**

**Elder:**

**Acolyte:** Aili Swanson

**Usher:** Barb Yek and Melissa Ratliff

**Greeter:** Carolyn Ruhl and Penny Myers

**Counting:** Barb Yek and Kristin Myher

**Altar:** Joanna Krueger, Barb Yek

## **MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sun Jul 14**

9 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study –

10 am Pentecost 8 Worship

**Adopt-a-Highway all this week**

### **Tues July 16**

10 am Adult Bible Study - Authentic Community

11 am Prayer Warriors

### **Wed July 17**

10 am Quilters

### **Thu July 18**

7 pm Council

### **Fri Jul 19**

12 pm – 8 pm Food Truck Friday – Pinckney Square

### **Sun Jul 21**

9 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study –

10 am Pentecost 9 Worship  
w/communion

## **CHARTING OUR COURSE**

*Attendance week of July 7, 2024*

10:00 am Worship in Person: 57/ Online  
Views: 48

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 0

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person:  
10/Online Views: 73