FOR OUR 9:30 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost **July 14, 2024**

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Service)

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN **TLH 3**

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know Thy name aright:

3 Until we join the hosts that cry,
"Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!"
And in the light of that blest place
Fore'er behold Thee fact to face.

4 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

LESSONS
OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 7:7–15

7 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. 8 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; 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.”
10 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. 11 For thus Amos has
said,
“‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away
from his land.’”
12 And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of
Judah, and eat 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.”
14 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. 15 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.**

EPISTLE
Ephesians 1:3–14

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 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the
world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he
predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according
to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with
which he has blessed 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]which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight [9]making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ [10]as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

[11]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, [12]so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. [13]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, [14]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 **Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel
Mark 6:14–29

[14]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." [15]But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 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. [18]For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." [19]And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, [20]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.

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

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

COLLECT *(In Unison)*
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. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY **LSB 811**
Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!

Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

3 You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make His glory known.

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

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SERMON "The Prophets Prize" Mark 6:14–29

THE NICENE CREED *(In Unison)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into

heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING **OFFERING PRAYER** *(Pastor)*

THE PRAYERS

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS *(Pastor)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI
P The peace of the Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
C Amen!

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN **TLH 307**
Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2 He that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love to be with us now.

THE GENERAL DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(In Unison)*

We give You thanks merciful Father that You have kept Your Word and have fed us, Your unworthy servants, with the precious body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ. We pray that by His grace we may walk worthy of our holy calling and learn to adorn the teaching of God our Savior by our words and deeds, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **TLH 47**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

1 Savior, again to Thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our Balm in sorrow and our Stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

BENEDICTION
C Amen, Amen, Amen.

DOXOLOGY *(In Unison)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER
RECESSIONAL
POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Solomon Spangler

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