

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024 Blended Setting 3 10:45

God's Job Profile

Prelude

As We Gather

May we obey the appropriate authorities placed over us, yet amid assured sinfulness in earthly governance, remain firm with our citizenship under the King and kingdom that has no end.

Welcome

+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +

Opening Song "Cornerstone" SSP 43 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

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When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

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Invocation

- We begin our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession

- P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut 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.

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

Psalm Response

- P LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.
- A You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.
- Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!
- Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?
- A Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

Absolution

- 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 Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Song of Forgiveness "How Deep (I will not boast)" SSP 40

I will not boast in anything.

No gifts, no power, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ:

His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart:

His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray responsively.

Heavenly Father, in times past You spoke through Your servants, the prophets, who proclaimed Your Word of promise until Your Son would come to save us.

- Strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit that we may listen to our Savior, who in these last days has fulfilled all Your promises and by whose death and resurrection the heavenly promised land awaits us, where we shall be with You in eternal joy;
- A through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

Old TestamentAmos 7: 7-15

(Amos's vision and prophecy to the people)

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.'"

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1: 3-14

(Spiritual blessings in Christ)

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.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel *Mark* 6: 14-29

(The death of John the Baptist)

- **A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

- **A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Children's Song "This Is the Day"
This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made
(that the Lord has made).
I will rejoice
(I will rejoice)
and be glad in it
(and be glad in it.)

This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made.

This is the day (this is the day) that the Lord has made (that the Lord has made). I will rejoice (I will rejoice) and be glad in it (and be glad in it.) This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day
(this is the day)
that the Lord has made.

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" LSB 826
Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
 "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
 You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
 With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
 To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,

"There is nothing I can do,"

While the multitudes are dying

And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly,

Let His work your pleasure be;

Answer quickly when He calleth,

"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Message "God's Job Profile" Amos 7: 14-15

Prayer of the Church

A Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here

and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,

- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- A In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- A For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve, Bryan Zitzelberger, Steven Beckett, Bob Reader, Kerstin Kruger, Vern Zehmns, Gaberial Duncan, Bill Nielsen, Mary Fodor, Charles Barber, Ed Mischen, Greg Coleman, Mildred Pittman, Carol Danner, James Allen, Joseph Davis, Chris Quakenbush, Tammy Tolbert, Dave Peterson. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- A Your kingdom is not of this world, yet You come to us still in Your Word and Sacraments to strengthen us, nourish us, and forgive our sins. Bless our unity and fellowship at Your Table as we receive Jesus in His body and blood until the eternal feast You have prepared for those who keep faith in You. Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- A Ever-present Lord, Give to Your Church Your Word and Your Spirit, that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead, proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. We lift to You our Re: Vitality Workshops as they move forward. Fill our congregation, and those on our LRPC, with Your Holy Spirit to unite us as one body in Christ. Grant gifts of discernment, wisdom, and faithfulness to the task of developing a plan for the support of the work of Your Kingdom here and throughout the world. Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- Ever-sustaining Lord, we pray for Your presence and provision within our families and in the lives of our children. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Bob & Marge Reader, Rick Roberts, John & Mary Rosenboom, Jim & Anne Rowe. Bless the children of our CLC Emma, Nova, Mila, Emilio, along with their parents and our staff. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people. Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- A Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...

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.

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offerings Are Received

Dora Shui Take My Life, and Let it be Consecrated By Mark Hayes

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

- 1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

Communion Instructions

(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, King of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us. As we receive Your Son's true body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we believe Your Holy Word and live as members of Your gracious kingdom here in time and finally, by Your mercy, be brought to live as partakers of Your everlasting reign; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

"Lamb of God" Setting III SSP 13 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Distribution Song "How Great is our God" SSP 20
The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

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Distribution Hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LSB 743

Jesus, priceless treasure,

Fount of purest pleasure,

Truest friend to me,

Ah, how long in anguish

Shall my spirit languish,

Yearning, Lord, for Thee?

Thou art mine,

O Lamb divine!

I will suffer naught to hide Thee;

Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash
And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r
Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss,
Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

Hence, all fear and sadness!

For the Lord of gladness,

Jesus, enters in.

Those who love the Father,

Though the storms may gather,

Still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er

I here must bear,

Thou art still my purest pleasure,

Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Song of Thanks "Thanks Be to You" Setting III SSP 14

Praise to you, O God of mercy!
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever!

From of old you loved and sought us!
Thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us:
Thanks be to you forever!
Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Praise to you, O God of mercy!
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- **A** Thy kingdom come,
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- A Gracious Lord, as Your kingdom comes through bread and wine, the body and blood of our Savior, we give You thanks for refreshing us through this gift. As You give us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your everlasting kingdom and the inheritance given to us as Your adopted children,
- strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- A through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- A The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who created us; the

 → Son, who redeemed us; and the Holy Spirit, who has bestowed faith on us—be with You, today and always.
- C Amen.

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Closing Song "Forever Jesus" SSP 85
My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus
My firm foundation in shifting sands
My strength and hope
Through many fears and failures
The disappointments of the past
His constant love has held me fast

So for all my days
I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus

My song of joy will be forever Jesus Who bore my suff'ring who made a way His life a gift His death a precious ransom That wipes the sinner's guilt away And turns my night to glorious day So for all my days I will sing my praise To the King forever Jesus Though the storms may rage He is strong to save He's the King forever Jesus

My final breath shall be forever Jesus
When shadows lengthen before my eyes
My Lord and friend
Companion through the valley
When dearest ones are left behind
His hand will lead me to the Light

So for all my days I will sing my praise To the King forever Jesus Though the storms may rage He is strong to save He's the King forever Jesus

When I meet his gaze
I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
All my sorrows past I am home at last
With my King forever Jesus
With my King forever Jesus
With my King forever Jesus

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Postlude

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