

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14th, 2024

Order of Service DSI (pg. 151)
7:45 Hymns 905, 770, 570, 725, 602
10:30 Service Praise Team
Wednesday Hymns 905, 770
Sermon “What are you haunted by?”
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Amos 7:7-15: This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb,[a] with a plumb line[b] in his hand. And the Lord asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied. Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. “The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.” Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.” Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the Lord took me

from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.

Ephesians 1:3-14: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen,[d] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29: King Herod heard about this, for Jesus’ name had become well known. Some were saying,[a] “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are

at work in him.” Others said, “He is Elijah.” And still others claimed, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.” But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!” For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled[b]; yet he liked to listen to him. Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of[c] Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?” “The head of John the Baptist,” she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John’s disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Scott Wenzel, Charles Zwerk;
Mark Schiefer

Organist Charles Chaveriat

Ushers Matt Buchinger; Jeff Mossner

Altar Guild Karen Bierlein

Wednesday

Elder Mark Frank

Organist Terese Petro

Usher Jeff Mossner

LLL Steak Fry: July 15th, 6:00 P.M. at the Park Hall, with guest speaker Mike Avery, for all members and guests. RSVP by July 8th to John Schnell (989)863-1184, Wayne Bierlein (989) 551-3011, Tom Daenzer (989)652-9538, or Earl Palmreuter (989)652-9747.

Searching for a Music Director: The call committee established for finding a new Director of Parish Music is seeking names from members of the congregation to be added to the list received from MI District. Names of recommended persons should be sent to Mr. Charles Chaveriat at cchaveriat@stmichaelsrhville.org with contact information. Deadline to submit names is Sunday, July 21, 2024

National Youth Gathering Pot Luck/Planning Meeting 2024 July 14 at 4:00 PM, at Hoepfner’s House (6700 E. Holland). To be eligible for the gathering you must be 14 by 7/19/25 to age 20. We will discuss information about the Youth Gathering and brainstorm fundraising. If it rains we will meet at the church. If your youth is interested, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Mrs. Hoepfner (989) 327-4061 or Mrs. Leanne Rodammer (989)863-8011 about your interest.

