

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

#### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: In today's Old Testament Reading, the prophet Amos, though previously a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs, must speak, for the Lord has called him. His word of judgment is only part of the message; in other places, he calls people to choose the Lord and live and also announces a great reversal. It is dangerous being a prophet, as John the Baptist learned in the Holy Gospel. But we know the end of the story: before creation, we were destined to salvation, as we read in the Epistle. Whatever we face, our faith tells us to listen to what the Lord has to say before paying attention to any other voice. ***"He will speak peace to His people"*** (Psalm 85:8).

### PREPARATION

(Please stand)

### OPENING HYMN

"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"

LSB 682 VS 1, 2, & 5

**God of the prophets bless the prophets' sons**

**Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast**

**Each age its solemn task my claim but once**

**Make each one nobler stronger than the last**

**Anoint them prophets men who are intent  
To be Your witnesses in word and deed  
Their hearts aflame their lips made eloquent  
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need**

**Make them apostles heralds of Your cross  
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace  
Inspired by You may they count all but loss  
And stand at last with joy before Your face**

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 85:1–13*

Pastor: Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea  
of the psalmist to God, and the second is his  
announcement of God's promised salvation. We  
now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and  
hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

**People: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

**People: You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath;

**People: You turned from Your hot anger.**

Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**People: and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever?

**People: Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

Pastor: Will You not revive us again,

**People: that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

**People: and grant us Your salvation.**

**We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.**

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;

**People: but let them not turn back to folly.**

Pastor: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

**People: that glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

**People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Pastor: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

**People: and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Pastor: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**People: and our land will yield its increase.**

Pastor: Righteousness will go before Him  
**People: and make His footsteps a way.**

Pastor: The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God  
are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us  
to be His own children and has opened the  
kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called  
and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*(Please Stand)*

**✠ WORD ✠**

**GLORIA PATRI** *(sing)*

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

**KYRIE** *(sing)*

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” *LSB 822 VS 1*

**Alleluia**

**Let praises ring**

**To God the Father let us bring**

**Our songs of adoration**

**To Him through everlasting days**

**Be worship honor pow’r and praise**

**Whose hand sustains creation**

**Singing ringing**

**Holy holy**

**God is holy**

**Spread the story**

**Of our God the Lord of glory**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** (sing) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O Lord, You gave such faith to Your prophets that they listened and boldly spoke what they heard  
You say to them.

**People:** **Grant that we hear what You have to say now  
and, confident of Your promised salvation, that  
we speak words of comfort and peace in a world  
that desperately needs both;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

### **FIRST LESSON** *Amos 7:7-15 ESV*

This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 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; 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.” 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. For thus Amos has said, “‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” 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. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV*

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sing)

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 6:14-29 ESV*

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist<sup>[c]</sup> has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 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. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, 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. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 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." And he vowed to her,



“Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” 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.” And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in 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.**

(Please remain standing as we sing)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Part” LSB 656 VS 1 & 2**

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'er-taken  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight  
On earth is not his equal**

**With might of ours can naught be done  
Soon were our loss effected**

**But for us fights the valiant One  
Whom God Himself elected  
Ask ye Who is this  
Jesus Christ it is  
Of Sabaoth Lord  
And there's none other God  
He holds the field forever**

**+ SERMON+**

**“To What the Lord Has To Say”**

**Text:** Amos 7:7-15 (The Old Testament Reading)

**Theme:** Listen to what the Lord God Almighty has to say.

**Our Goal:** That each and every one present stop listening only to themselves and instead hear the Word of the Lord God Almighty himself.

**Sermon Outline:**

1. It's a competitive environment; the devil would have us listen to false voices, the Holy Spirit to the Lord's voice.
2. The Lord sent Amos to speak his Word; the devil sent Amaziah to silence it.

**Listen to What the Lord God Almighty Has to Say.**

3. It's you the devil wants to prevent from listening to the Word of the Lord!
4. But the Lord is insistent his Word will be heard because it creates and sustains faith and true hope.

**Listen to What the Lord God Almighty Has to Say.**

5. For what the Lord has to say is fulfilled in Jesus, the crucified and risen Davidic king.

**Listen to What the Lord God Almighty Has to Say**

(Please Stand)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LSB 656 VS 3 & 4*

**Though devils all the world should fill  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we free no ill  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will  
He can harm us none  
He's judged the deed is done  
One little word can fell him**

**The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit  
And take they our life  
Goods fame child and wife  
Though these all be gone  
Our vic'try has been won  
The Kingdom ours remaineth**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised.

Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere. Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world. Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will. Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, *including . . .* Give them the healing, comfort, and

hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord,  
in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake;  
open doors of opportunity for this congregation to  
be a welcoming place for people burdened with  
their past. Grant us to tell them what You have to  
say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and  
hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all  
for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the  
sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ✠ SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should  
at all times and in all places give thanks to You,  
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is Your Word Incarnate and who on this day spoke Your powerful word of victory over death and the grave by His glorious resurrection, opening to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*(Please stand)*

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us fallen creatures and sent Your only-begotten Son, pronouncing on Him the judgment we deserve and saying to us that our sins are forgiven by His sacrifice. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of

His body and His blood on the cross.  
Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray, O Lord, that  
You grant us true faith to behold what mortal eyes  
cannot see: His body and blood in, with, and  
under this bread and wine. Give us ears to hear  
You inviting us through this foretaste of the feast  
to come that we may join with all the faithful to  
celebrate around the Lamb in His kingdom, which  
has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver  
and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all  
glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians  
11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”



## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in  
giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink,  
You lead us to remember and confess Your holy  
cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in  
the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your  
ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the  
final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom  
and teach us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“Your Table I Approach”* LSB 628

**Your table I approach  
Dear Savior hear my prayer  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there**

**Lord I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at your hands**

**Your body and Your blood  
Once slain and shed for me  
Are taken at Your table Lord  
In blest reality**

**Search not how this takes place  
This wondrous mystery  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be**

**O grant most blessed Lord  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind**

**Oh may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood  
O God my peace and light**

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing)

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, we thank You that in this Sacrament You have spoken Your final word of salvation and peace, graciously bestowed on us for Your Son's sake. Accompany us each day, ruling our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we be enabled to show in our living Your word of grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word” *LSB 923*

**Almighty Father bless the Word**

**Which through Your grace we now have heard**

**Oh may the precious seed take root**

**Spring up and bear abundant fruit**

**We praise You for the means of grace**

**As homeward now our steps we trace**

**Grant Lord that we who worshiped here**

**May all at last in heav'n appear**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

### THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone, Please*

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

*Quilting for August*

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>

### VBS DAY 2!

August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM to 2PM

August 21<sup>st</sup> will include blessings of Pets.

**Pre-registrations will be required.**

### Attendance

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am 32

## **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

#### **Birthdays**

Ruth Pollatz – July 15<sup>th</sup>

Steven Domine – July 16<sup>th</sup>

Shirley Griffin – July 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons*

*Ken Knick, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

#### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Shirley Griffin**, upcoming surgery, treatment & recovery

**Barbara**, Frank Pignanelli's sister, for good test results

**Ed Utcai**, brother of Paul Utcai, hip replacement

**Linda Maseah**, sister of Pat Bates, stomach cancer

**Amy and friends**, and all who are traveling this holiday

**Nancy Dajos** – in her illness

**Gayle French** – surgery on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July

**Members of the Lutheran church of Our Saviour**, as

they continue to close as a congregation in their present location, but decide in which

congregation they wish to continue their exercise of faith.