

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

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

***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
And Nursery School  
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We welcome and thank Rev. Maggie Ainslie  
for sharing the good news with us today.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + GATHERING +

*(please stand)*

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 807

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen**

**P:** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

**P:** God, our provider,

**C:** help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

**P:** Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through

Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

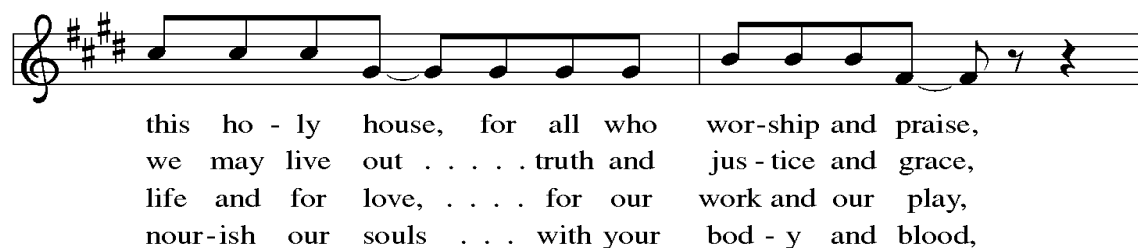
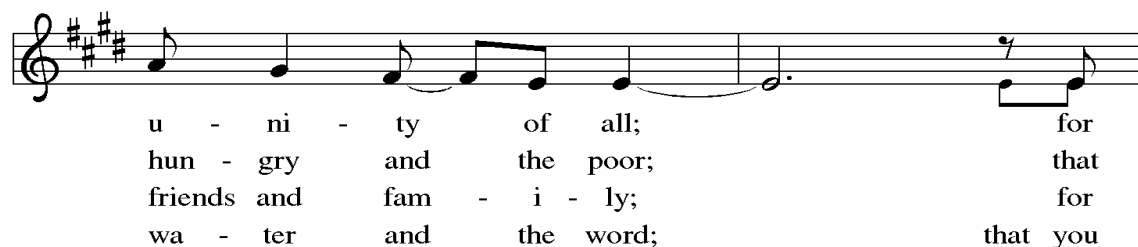
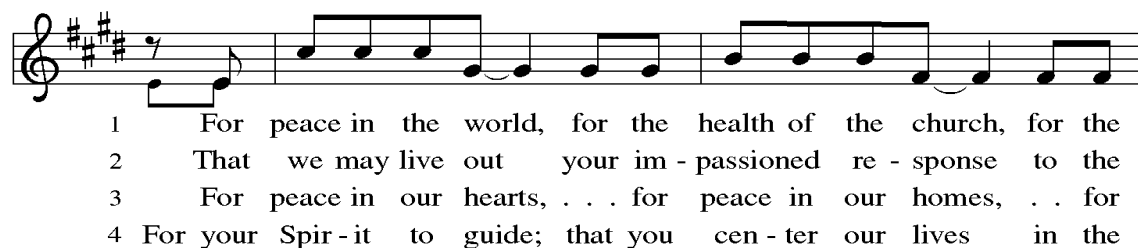
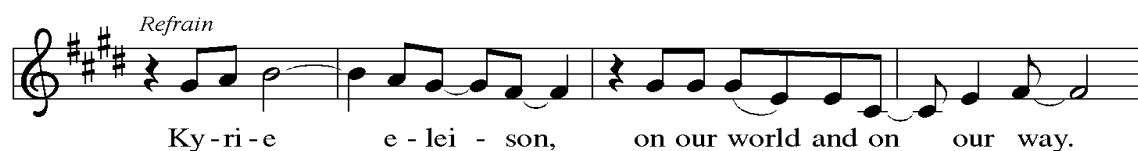
*(please be seated)*

## **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## KYRIE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## + THE WORD +

**FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: 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,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<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.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center 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, earn your 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 Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn  
their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:3-14***

<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>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on 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>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of

the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 6:14-29**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It 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 Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling 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 kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias 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." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Maggie Ainslie**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 697

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*Refrain*

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

*Refrain*

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(response after: In your mercy.)*

**C: hear our prayer.**

#### **PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.*

*Please be seated as we finish singing*

## “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

### OFFERING:

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

*It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.*

### OFFERTORY

ELW 588

### There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy



1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.

(Cont’d)



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**A:** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,  
 and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us,  
 and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here,  
 your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending  
 hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of pow'r and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.*

*(please stand)*

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

**A:** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +

### \*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, **✠** be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**



**\*SENDING HYMN****ELW 717****Let Justice Flow like Streams**

- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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**DISMISSAL****A:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.**C:** Thanks be to God.**Jun's Income: \$12,102****Average Attendance: 26****Jun's Expense: \$10,810**

**Altar flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Joyce Shaw's birthday by Lois Saunders and in memory of George Binder by Lois and Joyce Shaw.

***MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD*****Scheduled to serve this week 7/14 Scheduled to serve next week 7/21***Kathy D. – Assisting Minister**Jake G. – Assisting Minister**Tony H. – Psalm Reader**Alan S./Alan D. - Ushers**Colahans - Ushers**Christensen/Joshi – Counters**Colahans - Counters**Nancy H. - Altar**Nancy H. - Altar*

\*\*\*\*\*WEEKLY CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

<b>Mon, Jul 15</b>	<b>6:00pm - VBS</b>
<b>Tue, Jul 16</b>	<b>6:00pm - VBS</b>
<b>Wed, Jul 17</b>	<b>6:00pm – VBS/Kona Ice Truck</b>
<b>Thu, Jul 18</b>	<b>7:00pm – AA (Hall)</b>
	<b>7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)</b>
<b>Sat, Jul 20</b>	<b>10:00am – AA (Hall)</b>
	<b>11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)</b>
<b>Sun, Jul 21</b>	<b>10:15am–Worship</b>
	<b>12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)</b>

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\*\*\*\*

**Healing:**

*Mike Longo*

*Rob Hahn*

*Lisa McDonough*

*Hugh Mullarkey*

*Jean Brown*

*Betty Lake*

*Anne Rainsford*

*Judy McGrane*

*Michael Long*

*Scott Smith*

*Bonnie Wood*

*Lois Saunders*

*Cliff Kellett*

*Trudy McDougall*

*Lynn McGrane*

*Danielle Greeno*

*Wilma Amanna*

*Jackie Bernduer White*

*Jackie Dewitt*

*Maureen Colahan*

*Ann Ferguson*

*Pete Kanz*

*Ed Shoup*

*Jean Cilurso*

*Phyllis Horton*

*Lou Vallies*

*Geralyn Gerakaris*

*Kathy Shoup*

*James Lynch*

*Kelly Conaghan*

*Eileen Maloney*

*Baby Evelyn*

*Anthony Kells*

*Baby Olivia Heatherby*

*(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Jul, please call the office).*



**Also please remember in your prayers homebound members:** Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Janet Kline and Debra Ulmer.

**Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.**

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**



On the last night of **VBS July 17**, Kona Ice truck will be at Holy Spirit from **6-7pm**. Even if you are not coming to VBS, please come and enjoy. This is an easy fundraiser for the church.

**ALTAR HELP NEEDED** –Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Can you cover one or two weeks during September? Any help is greatly appreciated.

**BOTTLE CAPS** - Do you drink bottled water? If so, please bring the caps to church to help the veterans at the V.A hospital get prosthetics. There is a box on the table in front of the office.

On behalf of those will benefit from your support, Thank you

### **YARD SALE COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

Don't forget to save items for our Yard Sale in September. As you do your spring cleaning, you can clean out your drawers, closets, attic, and basement of things you are no longer using. They can be sold at the yard sale, and the money received will help the church carry out its mission and ministry. Anything and just about everything will be accepted as long as it is in decent, usable condition. That means books, toys, linens, and household items, including small (working) appliances and furniture. Clothing will not be accepted. Anything that is not sold will be donated to the Good Will. Look for a date closer to September to bring in your items.



## **Backpack School Supply Collection 2024**

Collection Ends August 11, 2024

It's time for the Backpack School Supply Collection. We hope to again be able to supply stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year 397 backpacks were filled by 17 faith communities in Delaware County.

Here are 3 ways you can support the collection this year.

One way to make a contribution this year is to use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assembly the backpacks. **Link to Amazon Wishlist:** <https://rb.gy/c4fgnq>.

You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033.

Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is again serving as Treasurer of this effort.

**As in past years you can do the shopping and drop off the supplies at your congregation.**

(See insert for list of items and more info)



## ***OUR STAFF***

### ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

*Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson*

*Office Secretary – Jeanne Warner*

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*Pre-School & MMO Teacher – Shelly Avila*

*Teaching Assistant – Michelle Brackin*

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## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

### **Speaking Truth to Power**

Few of us want to hear a hard truth, and perhaps fewer of us want to be the ones called to deliver one. Today's texts remind us that bearing God's word is risky business. King Jereboam exiles the prophet Amos for calling him to account. Herod delivers John the baptizer's head on a platter to his wife, Herodias, to fulfill a promise he never should have made. Speaking truth to power can cost us our lives.

Yet this is exactly what God calls us to do. God's prophets are ordinary people called to deliver an extraordinary message. Listen to the praise Paul heaps on the Ephesians, naming them as God's blessed, God's chosen, and God's adopted children (Eph. 1:3-5). It is the kind of pep talk coaches give their players just before sending them back into the game against a seemingly unbeatable team. Like Amos, who freely confesses his humble background and unlikely credentials, we are sent from worship each week to proclaim God's in-breaking reign to all the powers that profess to rule this world.

Still, beneath the apparent victory of power over truth, there is a hidden story bursting through the seams of this tale. Yes, John the Baptist dies, but the integrity of his witness outshines all of Herod's corrupt court intrigues. Herod himself was drawn to John's preaching, and in the end it is Herod's character that seems most tragic.

Like Herod, we are each challenged to really listen to the challenging voice of God in our day and age, and to turn away from the lures and temptations that attempt to seduce us away from fidelity to God. Through us, God speaks words of peace, love, and faithfulness that challenge the world's violence, hatred, and treachery.