



St. John Lutheran Church ELCA Waseca, MN

Sunday July 14, 2024
8th Sunday of Pentecost
Baptism



GATHERING

Introduction

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God,

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. C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: (Monitor) In Christ Alone

Prayer of the Day

P 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. C: Amen

Hymn of Praise: (purple) #90 Lord, I Lift Your Name On High (x2)

(Please be seated)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

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 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on 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 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ 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, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation (purple) #7 Alleluia. Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It 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 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. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² 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." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ 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)

Children's Message

Message:

Pastor Kristen Venne

(Please stand)

Message Song *(purple)* #84 **Lead Me, Guide Me**

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

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Baptism Prayer

The Presentation

Apostles Creed

Baptism

Prayer

The Baptism Candle is Given

Welcome

R We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Welcome Song

Little Child, Welcome

Debra Yess

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response: *(purple)* #92 Lord, Listen to your Children Praying

The Peace

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *We share Christ's peace with each other*

(please be seated)

THANKSGIVING

Offering Response: *(purple)* #41 Give Thanks

Offering Prayer

P *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. C: Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And also with you.**

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.* C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: *It is indeed right and salutary ...*

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy, tender, gentle God heaven and earth are full of you.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest and in the low ones. Blessed is the one who
comes in your name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (On Screen) **pg. 112** (*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*)

Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to come to the Lord's Table. Children who haven't had instruction are invited to come for a blessing. They're asked to fold their hands. Children who are receiving communion please extend your hands. Grape juice is available -- please say "Grape juice" to the server.)
Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Invitation to Communion

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

Hymns During Communion

(purple) **#58 Here Is Bread**

(purple) **#69 I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry**

Prayer after Communion

*P 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.

Blessing

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

(Please stand)

SENDING

Sending Hymn (purple) #110 On Eagle's Wings

Sending

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to all these members of St. John for offering their time and talents.

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