

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

We are glad you are here!

It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 8

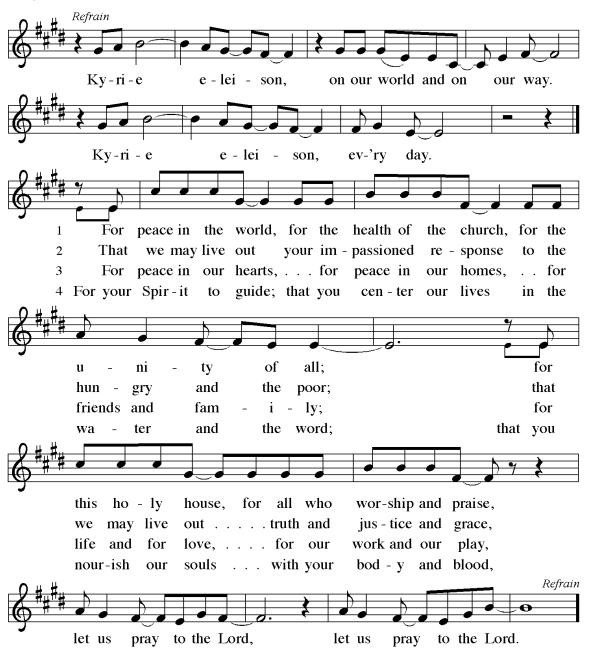
When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the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



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



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

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. <u>Please be seated.</u>

WORD

FIRST READING: AMOS 7:7-15

⁷This 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. ⁸And 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;

⁹ 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."

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13 Spoken responsively

⁸I 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.

- ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

- 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.
- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 6:14-29

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 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. 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.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 812

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

A You gather us into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray especially for Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Dea Polzin, and Martha Nemeth. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give us the gifts of life and joy. We celebrate with Janelle Meredith, Curt Lewis, and Rhonda Webb as they observe their birthdays, with David McGinnis as he remembers his baptism, and with David & Brooke Ralph as they celebrate their wedding anniversary, In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

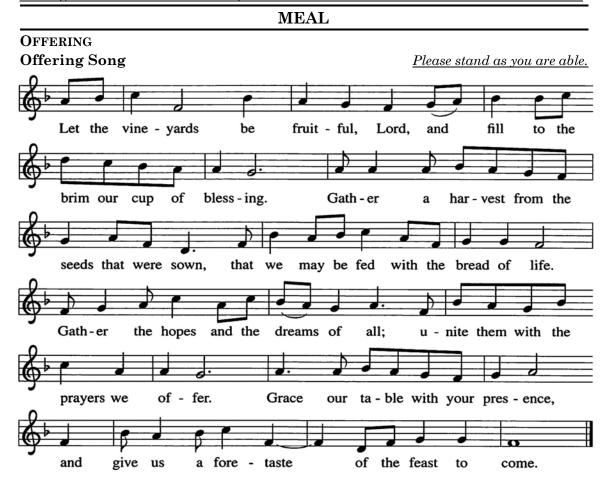
- P All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

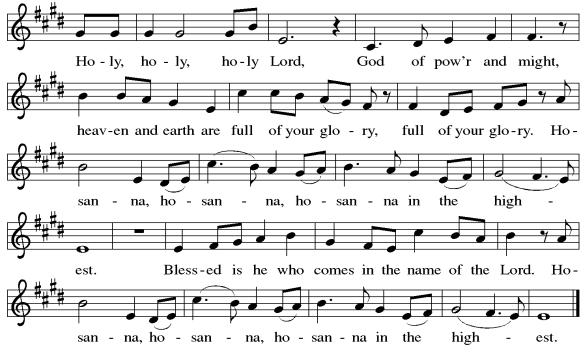
A Let us pray.

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 for the 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ever. Amen.

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

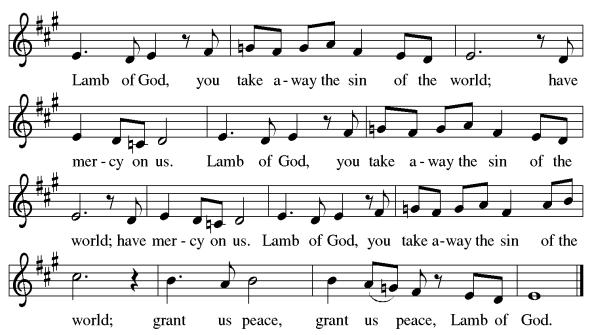
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

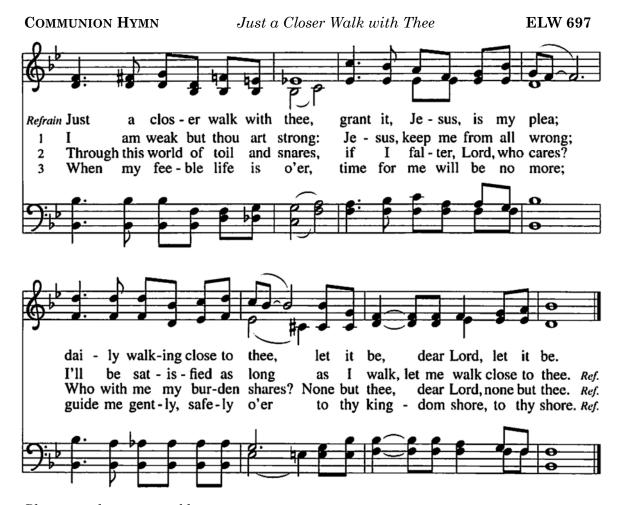
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

LAMB OF GOD





Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

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.

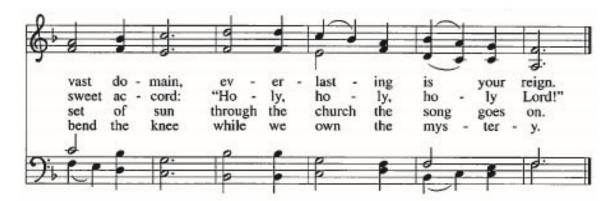
C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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





DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

POSTLUDE

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, July 14	Adult Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Coffee Hour	after worship
	PFLAG meeting	2:00 PM
Mon., July 15	Stroke Support Group	6:00 PM
Tues., July 16	Quilters	9:00 AM
Thurs., July 28	August Trinity Tidings deadline	
Sunday, July 21	Community Relations meeting	9:30 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Hour	

IF YOU ARE A WIDOWED WOMAN YOU ARE INVITED!

Join other "Widowed Women of FaiTh" on Tuesday, July 16th for lunch and companionship from 11am to 1pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka. No RSVP needed, just come. Please, invite other Widowed Women of FaiTh. We meet every month on the 3rd Tuesday. Questions? WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com or call (913)558-0191.



"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy" (Job 8:21). God works through your support to share the ministry of laughter at camp. What would the world be without the smiles and laughter? Thanks for your financial and in kind support! Not a supporter yet--go to camptomahshinga.com. look around, explore and let the Spirit lead!

	Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts	
July 14	Cindy McGinnis	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	
July 21	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Dean McGinnis	
July 28	Cindy McGinnis	Bob Horton, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Howard/Loni Reece	
Aug. 4	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis		LaVell Winsor	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Janice Greenlee	
Aug. 11	Cindy McGinnis	Howard Reece, Duane Pomeroy		Loni Reece	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Steve Luoma	

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion	
June 16	\$1,679.00	\$0.00	\$1,679.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$532.54	28/26	
June 23	\$293.00	\$0.00	\$293.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,918.54	23/21	
June 30	\$945.00	\$0.00	\$945.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,266.54	32/30	
July 7	\$3,405.00	\$25.00	\$3,430.00	-\$2,211.54	\$1,218.46	30/28	
		June 2024	\$6,554.00	-\$11,192.05	-\$4,638.05		
		Jan June	\$56,724.82	-\$62,478.39	-\$5,753.57		



Our quilting group is asking for donations so they can purchase more batting. Each bolt of batting can cost around \$100.

If you would like to help, you can put a check or cash in the offering plate, with a note to designate it for the quilters.

Hymn Sing Along = Food for Our Soul Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors



Wow! It seems that Adi's pep talk before church a couple of weeks ago had an impact! Our July collection did, in fact, beat our June collection by A LOT! There were 339 items delivered to Doorstep, totaling 319.6 pounds!



A group of Sunday School representatives (Ella, Asher, and Everly) helped count and deliver all the items to Doorstep.



2024 Doorstep Events

July

<u>Christmas in July</u> - collection of items for the 260 households we will adopt this year for Christmas.

<u>Summer Cash Bash</u> – requesting donations from our congregations, individuals, and the community to help us earn at least \$10,000 in matching funds from an anonymous donor.

Re-Imagined Jewelry – repurposed decorated tin turned into earrings can be purchased from Café Quetzal with the funds going to Doorstep.

Doorstep's Christmas in July

Donations Needed for this Christmas!



Help us collect items for our 2024 Christmas adoption of 260 households, with 800+ individuals! Items selected based on previous requests.

Creativity Sets

Canvases (3pk/6pk) + Brushes & Paints (Teens & Adults) Adult Coloring Books with Markers or Colored Pencils



Kitchen Items

Bakeware Sets ~ Skillet Sets Dish Sets ~ Utensil Sets ~ Pots & Pans



Tovs

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Lego Sets ~ Dinosaurs ~ Avenger & Marvel Themed Items ~ Paw Patrol ~ Star Wars ~ Educational Toys (all ages) ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12 ~ Puzzles Family Board Games ~ Teen Girls ~ Make-Up & Nail Kits







Men's & Women's Gifts

Women's Bath & Lotion Sets Men's Body Wash Sets Men's & Women's Cologne Sets Tool Sets

Other Items

<u>Towel Sets</u> - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth) ~ <u>Blankets</u> - Queen & King Sizes <u>Hygiene Items</u> ~ Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap ~ Combs ~ Hair Brushes ~ Deodorant ~ Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes. (Full Size Items)

Bathroom Sets ~ (Rugs, Trash Can, Shower Curtain, Toothbrush & Soap Holders)



School Supplies

Notebook Paper (College/Wide) ~ Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide) ~ Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers ~ Backpacks ~ Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors

Bring your donations to worship during the month of July, or deliver to Doorstep at 1119 SW 10th (10th & Buchanan). Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors in need!



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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