Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

July 14, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (\pm) , you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

▼ GATHERING **▼**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude He Leadeth Me arr. John Purifoy

*Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Blessed be the holy + Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

for all in our lives that is but should not be, and for all that is not but should be, forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Even when we have done wrong,
God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up,
God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

God says to you now:

your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn No. 807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

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

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

we gather to hear the good news, however, at the same time, it is sometimes difficult to accept, especially when it challenges us to change.

We take comfort in what is easy, familiar, routine, even when it hinders our well-being or growth in faith.

And so we pray for your Holy Spirit to come among us and open our minds and hearts to all that you desire to work in, and through, and among us, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

₩ WORD ₩

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

A reading from Amos.

⁷This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, holding a plumb line. ⁸ 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;

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 its 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."

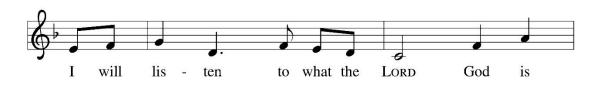
¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a shepherd, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

Refrain





Psalm 85:8
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for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

Congregation ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹ those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell in our land. Refrain

Cantor ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have ¹ met together;

righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

Congregation ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up ¹ from the earth,

and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

Cantor ¹² The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,

and our land will | yield its increase.

Congregation ¹³ Righteousness shall go be- ¹ fore the Lord

and shall prepare for God a pathway. Refrain

Second 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.

A reading from Ephesians.

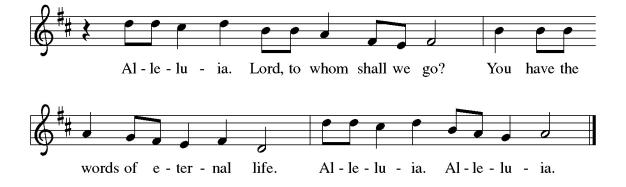
³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that before God we should be holy and blameless in love. ⁵ God destined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ; this was God's good pleasure and will, ⁶ to the praise of God's glorious grace freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace ⁸ lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ God has made known to us the mystery of the divine will, according to God's good pleasure set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to the divine counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of God's glory. ¹³ In Christ 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 God's glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Please stand if you are able.



***Gospel:** Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And Jesus could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Understanding

Please be seated.

Holy God,

for your word that has spoken to so many and continues to speak to us today, receive our thanks and praise.

Amen.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day No. 510 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*



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*Apostles' Creed

Please stand if you are able.

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated.

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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 for all those on our prayer list. . Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

₩ MEAL **₩**

*Sharing of the Peace

Please stand if you are able.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Offertory:

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Kelvin Smith

Will Bowers, vocalist David Lines, pianist

Offering Prayer

Please remain seated.

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it.

open our rives to rive it.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Invitation

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.

The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and
mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.

All of God's children – regardless of denominational background –
are welcome and invited to share it with us.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand if you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

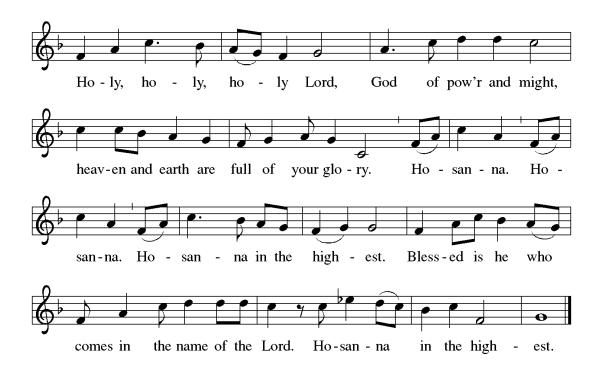
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Prayer at the Table

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Amen.

The Communion

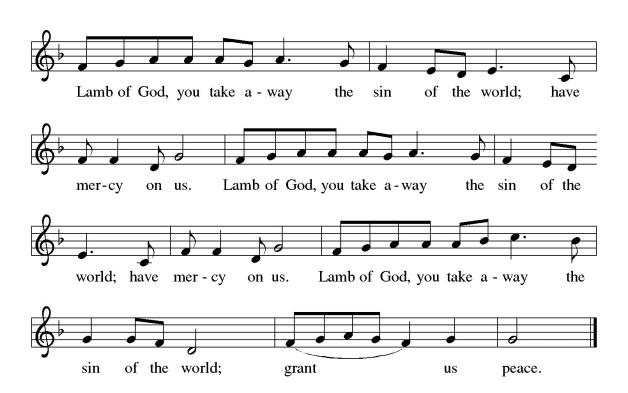
Please be seated.

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

Amen.

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God

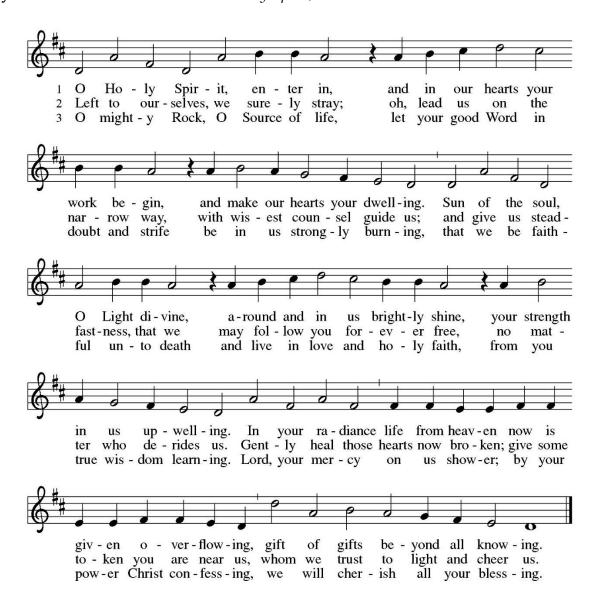


Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An **Amen** or **Thanks be to God** is spoken in response to these gifts.

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Hymn No. 786

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

★ SENDING ★

*Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn No. 414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

*Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

We go to connect people to Jesus through love and the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Pepper Choplin

You may be seated to enjoy the postlude if you wish.

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Our Love Offering for the month of July will benefit the Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center (aka Battered Women's Shelter).

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Committee and Ministry Team Meetings will not be held in July as we observe a Sabbath month.

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 7/14	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship Coffee & Fellowship - Chapel Lounge Second Sundays - Chapel Lounge
Tuesday, 7/16	6:30 p.m.	Derbytown Chorus - Fellowship Hall
Friday, 7/19	9:00 a.m.	Faith 5 Check-In - Zoom
Saturday, 7/20	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study</i> - Church Office <i>Women's Bible Study</i> - at Akron Family Restaurant
Sunday, 7/21	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Coffee & Fellowship - Chapel Lounge



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Tom Lawson given by Ann Lawson.



Today's **Coffee & Fellowship** is sponsored by the Altar Guild.

In Our Prayers...

<u>July 14:</u> No additional prayer concerns.

<u>July 7:</u> Family of Bryan Eisenhart (relative of Lesli Eisenhart).

<u>June 30:</u> The family of Margy Lease (sister-in-law of John Guran), Carmen Herring (friend of Frederica Cohen), Ellen Harley (friend of Stephen White), Deborah Ickes (member), Becky Adkins (member), Tom McCahan (member), Tim Pope (nephew of Joan Derrig), Carl Yost (friend of Bob Hoskins & Danny Probert), and the family of Hans Verhoeven (friend of Deborah Marks).

<u>June 23:</u> Bettie Ann Morgan (friend of Sally & Norm Richenbacher), Alicia Boyd & Phyllis Quartz (friends of LJ Kimble), Faye (friend of Lesli Eisenhart), and Emma (granddaughter of Sylvia Leddon).

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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