

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## Time after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

*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.*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn

*"Let The Whole Creation Cry"*

#876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

## Greeting

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*- Quiet reflection -*

## 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 the prophet Amos.

This is what God showed me:

YAHWEH was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in God's hand.

And YAHWEH said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "A plumb line."

Then YAHWEH said,

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

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, earn your 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 Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and YAHWEH took me from following the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

All - Refrain; Cantor - Verses

First time cantor; Second time assembly

I will lis-ten to what God is say-ing words of  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Abba of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love.

God destined us for adoption as God’s children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God’s will, to the praise of the glorious grace that is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of the grace that God lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of God’s will, according to the good pleasure that was set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to God’s counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of God’s glory.

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; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of God’s glory.

This is the word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O God.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

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."

But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It 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 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.

For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

And Herodias had a grudge against John, and wanted to kill him.

But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When Herod heard John, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

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."

And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

The mother replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

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."

The king was deeply grieved;

yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head.

The soldier went and beheaded John in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl.

Then the girl gave it to her mother.

When John's disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Children's Sermon

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### "Let Streams of Living Justice"

#710

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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**Prayers of the People** (Each petition will conclude with, "Gracious God, in your mercy" and the congregation responds, "you hear our prayer.")

# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(The people greet each other with some sign of peace: “Peace be with you.”)*

## Gathering Our Gifts

### Offertory

**“Take My Life, That I May Be”**

#583

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

## Offering Prayer

### The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly are you, God of  
pow-er and might\_\_\_ Heaven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est  
Blest is the one, O blest is the\_ one, who comes in the  
name of the Most High. Ho - san - na in the  
high est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence.

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

## Distribution

You are invited to share bread and wine or crackers and juice or whatever you have collected for a common meal. As you share and eat, please use these or similar words, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you," until we feast together as the entire body of Christ.

## Songs during Distribution

### "As the Grains of Wheat"

#465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your people from

all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

### "God Has Set a Table"

Rolf Vegdahl

God has set a ta - ble in the pre - sence of your foes where you can

meet and drink deep - ly of Christ's good - ness and grace. God has set a

ta - ble in the pre - sence of your foes where you can meet and drink

deep - ly of Christ's good - ness and grace. *repeat as desired* *final time* grace.

Blessing

Prayer

Post Communion Canticle

*“Thank You, Lord”*

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

*“Let Justice Flow like Streams”*

#717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling 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.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

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# Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Laurie Eaton
Reader:	Dan Swenson-Klatt
Assisting:	Sandy Aslaksen
Accompanist:	Tom Witt
Cantor:	Mary Preus
Camera:	Craig Johnson

## Weekly at Our Saviour's

### Sundays

10:30am	<b>Online Worship on Facebook</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Online Coffee Hour on Zoom</b>

*See Weekly Update or website for Log-in.*

### Tuesdays

12:30-2pm	Staff Meeting on Zoom
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### Wednesdays

10:15-12pm	Weekly Bible Study on Zoom
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

10:00am	Property Committee Meeting and Clean Up
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### First Friday of the Month

7:00am	Men's Breakfast at Butter Bakery and Café Socially Distanced at Butter weather permitting Always on Zoom- Check in with Dan Swenson-Klatt
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Announcements will be located in the Our Saviour's Weekly Update email

Information about Our Saviour's can be found on our [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

## Electronic & Online Giving Options

With the worship being brought online and the office being closed and staff working remotely, the best way to keep up with your pledge is to do so through your Smartphone or online.

### Online Giving

- Use our [online authorization form](#).
- Please note: if your donation is charged to your credit card, OSLC does not get the entire amount; Vanco takes a fee from your donation. For Amex cards the fee is 3.5% +.45 a transaction – all other cards are 2.75% +.45 a transaction. No fee apply if you have your pledge taken from a checking account by providing a routing number and account number.

### Give Plus App

- Download the app from free from the App Store or Google Play.
- When you open GivePlus for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church. As you type, usually a list will appear; select “Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church” from the list. After you select a church, it automatically becomes your “home” or “default” church, and will be displayed the next time you open the app.
- Set up an account. Enter your email address (this becomes your user name) and create a password. Choose how you prefer to login in: Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password. An email will be sent to you to verify your email address. Click on the link sent to you via email.
- Choose what information to store. Most credit cards are accepted. You can also use a checking or savings account. Use your phone’s camera to scan your information from your credit card or enter it manually.
- Enter the amount you wish to give, indicate which fund you want it to go to, and choose whether it is a one-time donation or a recurring one. Enter it and confirm that your contribution is correct. That’s it!

### Texting a Donation

- Send a text to **612-503-5971**
- Enter the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: **\$25**.
- You’ll receive a text with a link to register.
- Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information.
- Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- The next time, you won’t need to enter card info. Just text the amount you wish to give. To add a card, or change your information, simply text “edit” to the number.

### QR code

- Use your phone camera and point it to the QR below. Click on the bubble that comes up to be sent to the contribution page. Follow the instructions to make your contribution.





# OUR SAVIOUR'S Lutheran Church

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,  
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –  
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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