



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 14, 2024, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Pastor Erik Rundquist

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*"We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ's love with each other and our community."*

### Welcome to Worship this morning!

To receive Holy Communion, you may come to the front and receive the bread and wine or grape juice, you may ask an usher to have the pastor bring the elements to you in the pew, or you may pick up the cup/wafer in the narthex before the service and commune yourself at your seat.

Reminder: We are videoing "live."

Please sign the pew pad and pass down the aisle. Thank You.

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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

Joanne Richards

### Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

### Hymn

**"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"**

**Red Worship Book# 807**

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

### 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.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: 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.**

### **First Lesson**

#### **Amos 7:7-15**

**Donna Wachsmuth**

<sup>17</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.' "

### **Psalm 85:8-13**

**Donna Wachsmuth**

L: 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.

**C: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**C: Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Donna Wachsmuth**

<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.

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia....."

**Red Worship Book pg. 142**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**C: Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)**

**Red Worship Book pg. 143**

**Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

<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 Our Lord

**Red Worship Book pg. 143**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Erik Rundquist**

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**Hymn of Day "Faith of Our Fathers"**

**Red Worship Book# 812**

1 Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

**Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.**

- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free; and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. **Refrain**
- 3 Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife; proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. **Refrain**

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

## Nicene Creed

Red Worship Book pg. 104

### Prayers of Intercession

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

*A brief silence.*

L: 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. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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 . . .*) In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities (*ministries may be named*). Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations (*organizations may be named*). In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you (*especially*). In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: 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.**

### Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Song

“Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

Red Worship Book# 697

**Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. **Refrain**
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **Refrain**

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. **Refrain**

Text: North American traditional

## 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.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Red Worship Book pg. 144**

**Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Red Worship Book pg. 144**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Red Worship Book pg. 145**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*This is the gift of God for all people without exception of faith tradition or age.  
We provide gluten free bread and grape juice at your request.*

**Communion Hymn**

**"Come to the Table" (2 times)**

**Red Worship Book #481**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

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**Communion Hymn**

**"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"**

**Red Worship Book# 461**

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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**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.**

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live.

**Repeat**

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. **Repeat**

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

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### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*the worship is ended ... let the service begin ...*

## Announcements for July 14th



**\*\*The Noisy offering for the month of July is for the Food Shelf\*\***



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Ellie Nelson, Gary Wells, Joe Cappuccino, Karen Johnson, Vernon Zehms (brother of Joyce Seegebarth), Allie, Mya and Morgan (daughter and grand babies of Rebecca Wiczek), Richard Holmberg (brother of Sue Skalicky), Bob Kinblom, Tom Williams (brother of Robin Hendrix), David Shober, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, and Judy Smith.

**Care facility member-Ron Klapel.**

**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, Policemen & women,  
and the military. For all those who serve to protect.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.**



*With deep appreciation thank you for all the prayers,  
concerns, and cards.*

*I am so grateful to have my church family in my time of  
need.*

*Lynnea Mayer and family.*



## Announcements/Calendar

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship.

**Mon.-Sun.** ELCA Youth Gathering Mission Trip to Memphis/New Orleans

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

**Thurs.** 7 am Men's Fellowship; 7:30 am Men's Text Study; 11 am Out to Lunch Bunch-Mom's Parkside Café, Pine City.

**Sat.** 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship; Church Council after Worship.

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## PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE

If you are interested in joining the church, there will be a New Member Class Thursday, August 1st at 6 pm.

Please contact Pastor Erik or the church office.



*Change in Out to Lunch Bunch for July 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*We will be going to Mom's Parkside Café in Pine City.*

*Please meet at 11 am to carpool down to Pine City.*