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July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"Once to Every Man and Nation"*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:3-14

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter 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 to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

SERMON - "The Pointe"

CREEDAL HYMN: "In God We Believe"

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING

RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please indicate if you are a member or visitor in the Rite of Friendship books and if you will be joining us for Holy Communion.
If visiting please leave us a means to contact you as we would love to follow up with you.)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share this belief and practice, please join us in celebrating the meal of God's family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783)

"How Great Thou Art" (LSB 801)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" (LSB 848 vs 3, 4)*

DISMISSAL

GREETERS

Ella Holmes & Ginny Kottke

Brad & Julie Bollman

Katherine Sparks

Rachel Olson

READERS

Nick Schoch

Michael Deedon

POWERPOINT

ALTAR GUILD

Rosann Tucker, Rose Graf

ORGANIST

Dan Page

COMMUNION

Katherine Sparks, Ginny Kottke, Ken Berndt

John & Rita Woller, Rachel Olson

COMMON CUP (CC)

Ken Berndt

Michael Deedon

USHERS

Jeff Block, Dale Vande Boom, John Woller
DeWayne & Rose Graf, Bob Christensen, Todd Krause, Gary Krause

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

GREETER

Henry Jennejohn

READER

Pastor Gary

POWERPOINT

Derek Emon

COMMUNION

Scott Werner

USHERS

Henry Jennejohn, Scott Werner, Mike Henrichs, Tim Klopstein

Son-Shine Bible Study

Esther: Letting God Be in Control will be our focus for this week's study. Join us as we learn more about her as a model of faith and courage during very difficult political complexities in her day. She is an example for women in every walk of life and in every possible situation. We meet in the Youth Room from 1:00 – 2:30 on Wednesday. All are welcome!

From the Sewing Room

Join us this Tuesday, July 16th, 9:00-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall, to work on finishing more backpacks, shorts, and dresses! We have jobs for everyone so bring a lunch and have fun while making these needed items.

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Anne Raduechel, Scott Prochnow, Jean Rhyner, Raphael Klein, Marie Borchardt, Mary Ann Nielsen, Vienna Haunschild, granddaughter of Phyllis Koppa, Steve Dahlke, Linda Graebel, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, AJ Saltzman for prayers of ongoing healing, Jerry Czeshinski, Erv Boehm, husband of Clarice, Kelly Butzlaff, Janice Ambuhl, mother-in-law to Jan Feucht, Grace Kobs, Jason Borrero, Mary Utecht- Johnson, High school youth mission trip for safe travels & mission work, Lana Wilkinson.

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Bartelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Perry Redeker, Emmett, son of Ben & Claire Heindel, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Jim Wanish, Grace Clark, Bill Kobs, Jerry Sams, friend of the Redeker's, Aissen Witter, Susan Ohde, daughter of Linda, who is fighting breast cancer.

Grieving: family and friends of Peter Antross, brother of Linda Jablonski, family and friends of Gene Belmas, brother of Lee, and family and friends of Lila Gwidt, mother of Gwen Loiz.

The Gathering - Mount View Care Center



On **Tuesday, July 23rd**, The Gathering will be heading to Mount View Care Center for a morning of Bingo and Sheepshead. We will meet at church **at 9:45am**, and carpool over to Mount View.

If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, please bring them that day or drop them off at church in the donation box located in the narthex. Prizes can be food or non-food items, please no homemade prizes. Soda, nutty bars, and small bags of chips are among their favorite prizes.

Everyone is welcome ~ grandparents, parents, children! Many hands are needed to make this a fun event.

Please reach out to Linda Jagodinski at 715-297-8605 with questions.



Honesty | Vulnerability | Sincerity | Sacrifice | Alignment

**A ST. MARK'S SERMON SERIES
7.28.24 - 8.25.24**

Love is one of the most powerful and moving concept that exists in our world. Throughout the change of time and expanse of culture love has always been a part of humanity both in our thoughts and our actions. Even in our lifetime alone many things have been said about love from "All you need is love" to "What's love got to do with it?" Love can be weaponized, and love can be utilized. Love can be confusing and love can be clarifying. For all the ways we can understand and experience love in the world around us, let us first consider what God's Word tells us about love as we discuss:

Honesty – 7/28/2024 ~ Vulnerability – 8/4/2024 ~ Sincerity – 8/11/2024

Sacrifice – 8/18/2024 ~ Alignment – 8/25/2024

St. Mark's Scoop

July 14 - 21, 2024

Sun, July 14

Traditional

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study
10:30 Worship

Mon, July 15

7:30 Preschool Summer Camp
8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
3:00 Drivers Ed

Tues, July 16

6:30 MIA Bible study
7:30 Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 Pillowcase Dresses
3:00 Drivers Ed

Wed, July 17

Traditional

7:30 Preschool Summer Camp
1:00 Son Shine Bible Study
3:00 Drivers Ed
6:00 Worship

Thurs, July 18

7:30 Preschool Summer Camp
3:00 Drivers Ed

Fri, July 19

7:30 Preschool Summer Camp
~ Office Closed at noon ~
High School Mission Trip returns

Sat, July 20

Blaine Vacation (7/20-7/28)

Sun, July 21

Contemporary

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Pres. Donkoh
10:30 Worship
11:30 Pres. Donkoh - Luncheon



We have 2 Brewer tickets for sale for the August 15th game vs. the LA Dodgers. Cost for the tickets are **\$90 each**, which includes a first base seat and coach ride. Contact Lee Belmas at 715-551-7394 if interested or with questions.

Who do I contact for / to ...

Ask general questions - Pastor Eric
~ Become a member
~ Baptize my child
~ Get married

Ministry Programs - Blaine
~ Adult/youth church involvement
~ Small Group involvement

Make a prayer request - Jean

Preschool / 4K - Cathy

Worship Volunteer - Janet

Give to church - Kurt

Ask a question about finances - Kurt

Ask general questions - Jean

~ Put article in Markings or bulletin

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NO PEW Sisters Bible Study in July

Office Summer Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 - 5:00 and Friday 8:00 - 12:00

We will go back to normal business hours
starting September 3rd.