

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 11, 2021 9:00 AM



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
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.

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.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

***GREETING** (p. 184)

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

***KYRIE** (p. 184) *“Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way...”*

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 185) **“Glory to God in the highest...”**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

Amen.

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;
⁹the 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.”

¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

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

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and 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: PSALM 85:8-13

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.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast 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 be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 188) *“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...”*

***GOSPEL: MARK 6:14-29** *Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. .*

P: The Holy Gospel... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴King 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.” ¹⁵But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.” ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for 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. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When 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.” ²³And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” ²⁵Immedi-

ately 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.

SERMON Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Are Called" ELW 720

APOSTLES' CREED "I Believe I Do Believe"

G C D G C G

I be- lieve I do be- lieve tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it.

G C D G D7 G

I be- lieve I do be- lieve tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it.

G C

1. I be- lieve in God the Al- migh- ty Lord Cre- a- tor, Migh-
 2. I be- lieve in Je- sus the Sa- vior of the peo- ple, Sa-
 3. And I do be- lieve in the pow- er of the Spir- it, Pow-

D G C G/B G

ty Lord Cre- a- tor, Migh- ty Lord Cre- a- tor. I be- lieve in God the Al- migh-
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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **hear our prayer.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (p. 208)

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 ever. Amen.

***BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG** "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striving cease.
My comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scored by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by Darkness slain.
Then busting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He Rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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***DISMISSAL** Response: **Thanks be to God.**



WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician: Laura Rude

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen

Reader: Robert Fay

Tech assist:

FLOWERS from the funeral of Dolores Hirst

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Gary Lofberg by MaryAnn Lofberg.

ZION'S WEBSITE for July is sponsored by Zion memorials

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

June 28-July 4: income: \$4,710.

June 1-30 income:\$31,775.

July 1-4 income: \$3,729.

Year to Date income Jan 1– July 4: \$171,019.

2021 budget \$353,032. / \$6,789. is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Contributions may be made by scanning the **QR code** provided. This is processed by Vanco Services.

A credit/debit card kiosk is available in the narthex for contributions.



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LAY READERS : Lay readers are needed for Sunday services. If you are interested, please call the church office at 681-3296 or Carol Narverud at 681-4805. We'd love to have you.

All are invited to enjoy informal coffee fellowship in the lounge following the service.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP Supper at 5:30 and Worship at 6:15. All are Welcome!

July 14 menu: BBQ, potato salad, baked beans

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - K thru 5, August 2nd—5th. From 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Redeemer. Bring your own lunch for 5:00 to 5:30 outdoor picnic. **Register on Redeemer's website until July 15th**. Contact Madison for more information.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, July 11

9:00 Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

5:00 Funeral for Travis Harbott at Zion

Monday, July 12:

Parish Nurse by appt.

Tues., July 13:

9:30 Staff meeting

10:30 Coffee with Staff

12 noon Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, July 14:

Wednesday Worship

5:30 Catered meal

6:15 New Traditions worship

Thurs., July 15:

1:00 Quilting

Friday, July 16:

7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's

9:30 Coffee with Staff today

Saturday, July 17:

Bridal Shower at Zion

Joseph DuChamp funeral at Silver Creek

Sunday, July 18

9:00 Holy Communion Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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⇒ An Onsite Defibrillator (AED) for use on someone with Sudden Cardiac Arrest is located in the elevator alcove on the wall in the narthex.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 11, 2021

LECTIONARY 15

Which Kingdom?

Amid the dancing, feasting, and complicated family dynamics of this week's gospel text, we hear a story of two leaders who embody power very differently: John, a man of righteousness and integrity, and Herod, whose power is corrupted by fear, greed, and paranoia. The former embodies the kind of power that points us to life and wholeness. The latter kind of power results in gruesome and irrational death.

All too often, corruption and greed seem to win the day. We might find ourselves desperately searching for Christ and wondering if there is any hope to be salvaged from the wreckage of grief, anxiety, and pain present in our world.

The good news is that the story of God doesn't end in senseless violence at the hands of power-hungry rulers. There is another banquet to come. This banquet will be a celebration in which the wealthy and powerful are not front and center. It will be a feast where Jesus is the host and there is more than enough for everyone to eat their fill. It is a banquet of new life, hope, and a kind of power that empties itself for the sake of the other.

But first we sit in the hard truths of our world. In his dying breath, John continues to challenge us, pointing the way to Jesus and proclaiming a baptism of repentance. We must train our eyes to recognize power run amok, the places where fear governs our nations, our cities, our hearts. We must cry out against injustice, and speak up when we witness the truth of God's mercy and love being silenced.

In Christ, we have been freed to boldly proclaim and embody the gospel for the sake of our neighbors. We are citizens of *God's* kingdom after all, not Herod's. So, will we be people of courage and truth, or will we be people of self-preservation and fear? What kind of power will the church be known for in this time and place?

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