

# *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sunday, July 14, 2024  
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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.

*St. James Lutheran Church*

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## Welcome to St. James. Here are some tips for worshipping with us.

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Hymns are found in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* located in the chair rack in front of you and are referenced in this bulletin as ELW#. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (\*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

**P** Presider    **C** Congregation    **A** Assisting Minister    **L** Lay Reader

The 8:15 worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. You can visit our YouTube Channel at [StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube](http://StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube). If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

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## *Gathering*

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**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.**

**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.

\*GATHERING HYMN: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

#### \*PASTORAL GREETING

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

**C** **And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** *Let us pray:* 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.

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*Word*

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

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45): *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

<sup>1</sup>Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. <sup>2</sup>Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy. <sup>3</sup>Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life. (adapted from St Francis)

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</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.'"

**P** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord <sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
 for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their <sup>1</sup> hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
 that your glory may dwell <sup>1</sup> in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have <sup>1</sup> met together;  
 righteousness and peace have <sup>1</sup> kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
 and righteousness shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup> The Lord will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
 and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go be- <sup>1</sup> fore the Lord  
 and shall prepare for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.**

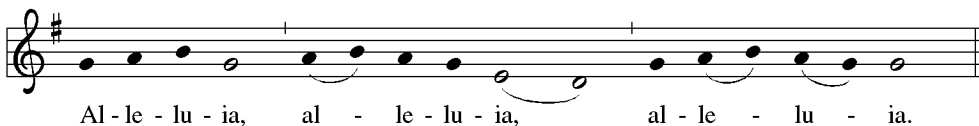
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

<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.

**P** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Cantor: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
 that we may know the hope to which God has called us. (Eph. 1:17-18)*

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

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

<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 the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Faith of Our Fathers (alternate text)*

ELW 813

\*INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "In your mercy," Our response: "**Hear our prayer.**"

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping* North American tune, arr. H.C. Boyer

<sup>1</sup>Sometimes our only song is weeping; our only sound is gasping breath. Sometimes it seems that God is sleeping while our brief lives are bound in death. Who hears the song our sorrows swallow and offers hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and hollow, God heeds the prayers within our tears. <sup>2</sup>Sometimes we catch the faintest humming, a far-off tune our hearts know well. Sometimes we sense the Spirit coming. Our song returns; our voices swell. The Spirit sings though we are shaken, and Christ has shared our heartfelt cries. Restored, our weary souls awaken to join God's song that never dies. (Adam Tice)

## \*OFFERTORY



All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

\*HOLY, HOLY



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

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heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

\* LORD'S PRAYER

**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

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**C** Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come one, come all, the feast is spread! An usher will give you a cup and guide you toward the platform. During the continuous flow, please fill in spaces starting at the front of the platform completing the circle. We offer a chalice with grape juice first, followed by a chalice of wine. Please indicate your preference by extending your glass at the appropriate time. Rice crackers are available for those with gluten allergies. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will receive the sacrament while seated.*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

ELW 697

\* TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** *Let us pray:* 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.

\*GODSPEED FOR NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

\*SENDING HYMN: *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW 717

\*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

setting, David Lowe



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## *Lift Up in Prayer*

Taylor Balderas	Hazel and Frank	Irelyn Sprengle	Darryl
Helen Bardell	George	John Steinberger	Herb
Shirley Biser	Justin Griest	Michelle	Karen
Ted Bortner	Nita Gross	Steinberger	Luke
Ryan Dunlop	Jack Lally	Jeff Snyder	Jessie
Dr. Douglas Eyer	Jen Mickelson	Ken Unger	Marilyn
Joanne Fisher	Barbara Sanders	Sean Vora	Ramona
Tim Fleming	William Scott IV	Angie	Sue D.
Chrissy Freed	John Seilhamer	Avery	Wayne
Jim Gallagher	Priscilla Shuba	Beverly	William
	Colleen Smith	Bill	

We pray for the family and friends of Connie Hutchison, who recently died. May they find comfort and peace in the promise of your eternal kingdom.

We pray for our youth and volunteers that are attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA during the upcoming week. May they stay safe in their travels, make memories that last a lifetime, and allow their faith in You to continue to grow.

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## *Flowers are given to the Glory of God and*

In loving memory of Lilly Steinour Hafer, who was an active member of the Altar Guild and the church choir for many years. Given by her son, Sebastian R. Hafer.

In loving memory of Frank Gardner on his 76th birthday, by his family.

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## *Announcements*

**Bible Study with Pastor Andrew:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. We are studying “American Gospel.”

**Summer Choir Schedules:** Summer Choir rehearses on Sundays at 10:25 am and sings at 10:45 am worship. All voices are welcome to sing! Martin Luther Choir breaks for the months of July and August.

### **Upcoming July Youth Events**

(registration required; see Mr. Adam for details)

July 22 & July 29, 6 p.m. – Board Game Night

July 27, 3-7:30 p.m. – Family Lake Heritage Party

July 31, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. – MS/HS Cunningham Falls Hike

**Battery and Cork Recycling:** **This will resume on Sunday August 4!** On the first Sunday of each month between services, you can also contribute towards shipping costs of the batteries and corks, as postage costs are increasing. Please hold on to any corks and batteries until August 4 and do not drop them at the church office before then.

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## *Serving in Worship*

### **Preacher**

Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

### **Presider**

Pastor Andrew R. Geib

### **Minister of Music**

Jonathan Noel

### **Assisting Minister**

James Dunlop

### **Cantor**

Kay MacDowell

### **Musical Offering**

Dwight Michael

### **8:15 am Worship Service**

#### **Acolyte**

Cole Altemose

#### **Bell Ringer**

Jack Altemose

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Findley Waybright

#### **Lay Readers**

Michael Guise

John Hartzell

#### **Communion Assistants**

Dee Wells, Kim Guise,

Julie Aha, Judy Seilhamer

#### **Ushers**

Bill Hill, John Doerfler,

Glenn Blocher, Jim Flanagan

#### **Greeters**

Ron Couchman

Barbara Nicks

#### **Bread Baker**

Debby Luquette

#### **Sacristy**

Dee Wells

Debby Luquette

#### **AV Operator**

Gary Smith

### **10:45 am Worship Service**

#### **Acolyte**

#### **Bell Ringer**

Henry Finkenbinder

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Henry Finkenbinder

#### **Lay Readers**

Andy Crouse

Sam Dunlop

#### **Communion Assistants**

Kathy Smith, Carol Cook,

Sonja Withrow

#### **Ushers**

Jan Keefer, Bob Cook,

Mark Withrow, Gabbi Scavitto

#### **Greeters**

Tom Uhlig

Glenn Munsee

#### **Bread Baker**

Julie Dunlop

#### **Sacristy**

Jean Uhlig

Ann Ketterman

#### **Flower Deliverer**

Pete Bender

#### **Summer Choir**



We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's house with its doors wide open.

If you are passing through, Godspeed.

If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us.

We invite guests to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith.

Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socio-economic status, marital status, ability, and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers.

This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice, and recover.

This is a place where lives are made new.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit calling you

to love your neighbor wholeheartedly,

seek justice, create peace,

and practice compassion.

As members of the body of Christ, we are called to be ministers of reconciliation both in the church and in the world. Through our baptism we are reconciled to God through the saving grace of Christ Jesus and challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing and love within our church and society. As a community of faith, we proclaim this statement of welcome.