

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us by your spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what he 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.’”

Psalm: Psalm 85:(1-7), 8-13

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.**

⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶**Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹²**The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

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.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, 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.” ²⁵Immediately 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.” ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: July 14th

8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30-Worshipw

10:30-Coffee Fellowship

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: July 15th

7:00-Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday: July 9th

8:30-Prayer Group

9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

6:30-Growth & Sharing Mtg

Thursday: July 18th

2:00-Circle Group

Sunday: July 21st

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30-Worship

10:30-Coffee Fellowship

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa Flood victims, those suffering any illness, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Velma Woodke, Pastor John Mayer, Pete Runneberg, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Ely Kleszczelski, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lectors: Pat Alexander

Ushers: July 14th – Shirley Kruse & Jan Herson

July 21st – Dean & Eloise Armstrong

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$10,115.00

Worship 30

Birthdays: July 17-Pat Alexander, Eloise Armstrong;

19-Luke Herson

Anniversary: July 15-Jim & Denise Hodgell

***Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

Thankyou Tom Anderson for filling in while Pastor Klappenbach is gone on vacation

Altar Flowers:

An asterisk (*) indicates when to stand (as able)

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

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*GREETING P.57

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*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59

*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

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*THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Mark 6:14-29**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor David Klappenbach

HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers LBW 500*

APOSTLES' CREED P.65

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

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*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER* P.76

OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised LBW 503*

*DISMISSAL

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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