



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
8:15 AM
JULY 15, 2018
MATINS, NON-COMMUNION



FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SPEAKING AN UNPOPULAR WORD JULY 15, 2018

AS WE GATHER

When Amos speaks God's Word to Israel, they do not want to hear it. Amos is told to prophesy elsewhere. John the Baptist's message of repentance landed him in Herod's prison and, eventually, in the grave. Speaking God's Word is not always easy. It often meets resistance and sometimes even violence. As you gather with fellow hearers of God's Word, consider how you have been resistant to God's Word. Which portions have you chosen to skip over? Consider how you might better hear and speak God's Word this week.

WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first-time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor **A** = Assistant **L** = Lector **C** = Congregation

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"God Himself is Present"

F. Peeters

WELCOME

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

OPENING HYMN

"God Himself is Present"

LSB 907

(Stand)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

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.**

CONFESSON OF SINS

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.**

PRAYER FOR DIVINE PRESENCE AND AID

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.

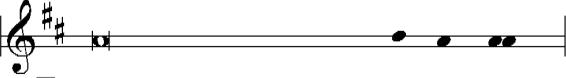
✠ PSALMODY ✠



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

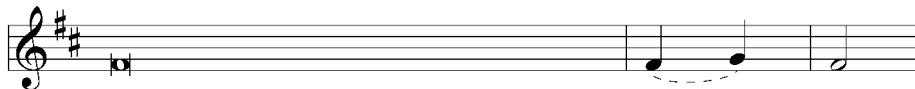
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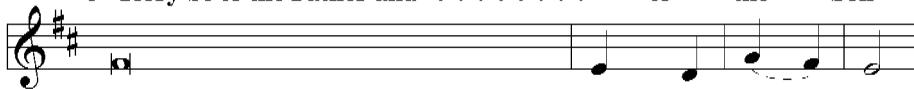
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



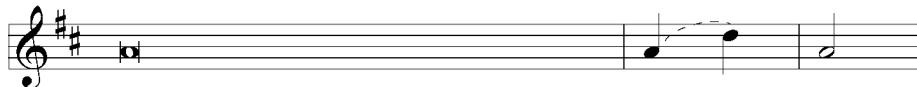
C O come, let us wor-ship Him.



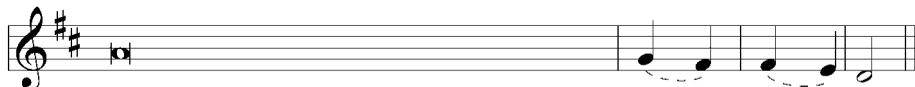
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - - ev-er. A-men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85:8-13

(spoken as indicated)

- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- C** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- C** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
- C** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Sit)

OFFICE HYMN

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity”

LSB 876

✠ READINGS ✠

FIRST READING (*Amaziah tells Amos to prophesy elsewhere, but Amos does as the LORD commands.*)

Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what he showed me: behold, 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, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 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. 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING (*Paul speaks of our redemption, adoption, forgiveness, and inheritance in Christ.*)

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, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished

upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING (*Herod puts John the Baptist to death.*)

Mark 6:14–29

¹⁴King 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." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 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. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for 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.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For 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." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And 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." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY



L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



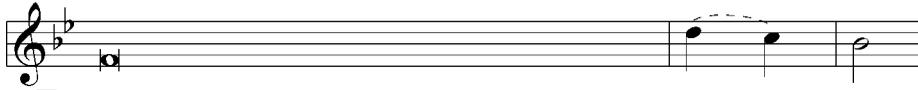
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

SERMON

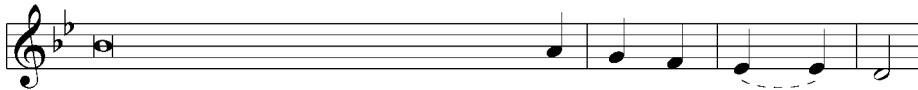
✠ CANTICLE ✠

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TE DEUM LAUDAMUS ("We Praise You, O God")



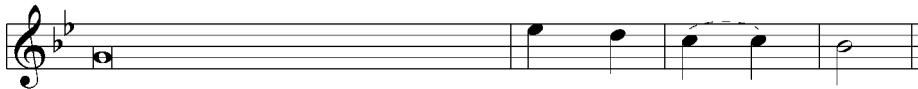
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

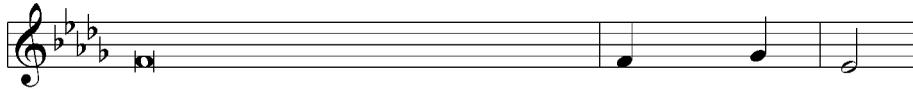
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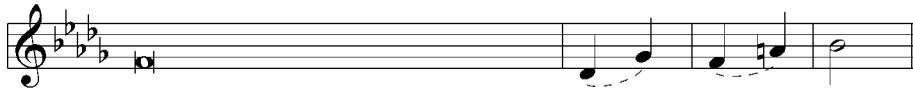
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



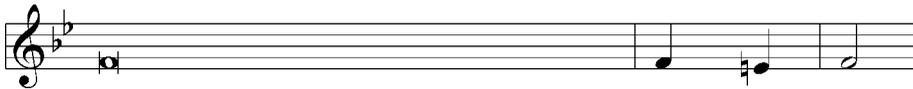
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

(Sit)

OFFERING

{Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}

VOLUNTARY

“Andante Tranquillo”

F. Mendelssohn

(Stand)

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781:1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

✠ PRAYER ✠

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C have mercy and hear us.

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

MORNING SUFFRAGES

P I cry to You, O Lord;

C in the morning my prayer comes before You.

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

P My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C and with Your glory all the day.

P Every day I will bless You

C and praise Your name forever and ever.

P By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

C O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

P Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P He redeems your life from the pit

C and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE NATION

P Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties. Give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. We pray for protection upon all who who serve in our nation's armed forces, especially Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, and Dylan. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR ALL IN NEED

P O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve Your servants for whom we pray, especially Bonnie, Joyce, Ruth, Wil, Bill, Gloria, Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Beth, Helen, Faith, Susan, Marianne, Graham, Patti, Christine, Frank, Bill, Brenton, and Olivia. Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Give them comfort and a sure confidence in You. Defend them from every danger to body and soul. Keep them in peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.

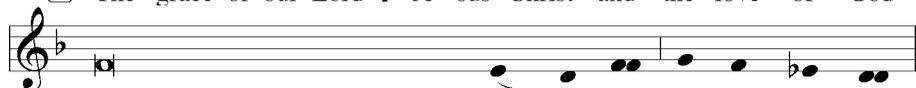


G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



G A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB 748

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

G Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Bouree from the 7th Concerto"

G. F. Handel

The congregation thanks Reverend Luke Zimmerman for being our guest proclaimer for today and every Sunday through the end of August.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

GUEST PROCLAIMER:	Rev. Luke Zimmerman
MINISTER OF MUSIC:	Ken Sanders
THE LAY READER:	
THE USHERS:	Hans Abendschoen, Geoff Abendschoen
THE ALTAR GUILD:	Carla Allison
REFRESHMENTS:	<i>No refreshments in July and August</i>
THE ADULT CHOIR:	Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang, Quitao Zhang,
THE GREETERS:	Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold
THE PRIESTS:	The People of 1st St Johns

NURSERY FACILITIES are available in the Parish Hall.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** and in honor of my children and grand-children, by Sylvia Barclay.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for the month of **JULY** is American Bible Society.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets at 12:00 Noon on the 1st Sunday of every Month unless a special meeting is called. The date for the July meeting will be announced.

STEWARDSHIP

Amos 7:8 – “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.” One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

SUNDAY

8:15 AM

Worship Service

9:30 AM

Bible Study in the Book of James

READINGS FOR THE JULY 22 SERVICE

OLD TESTAMENT READING (God warns lazy, divisive shepherds of their future and promises a righteous branch to reign as King over His flock.) **Jeremiah 23:1–6**

EPISTLE (Christ makes peace and breaks down all dividing walls by His cross.) **Ephesians 2:11–22**

HOLY GOSPEL (Jesus feeds the five thousand.) **Mark 6:30–44**

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 22th-Communion (9th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

July 29th-Non-Communion (10th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

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