

Today our Old Testament reading is from Amos 5:18-24.

The climactic verse in this section (and the book as a whole) is verse 24, "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" In the book of Amos, as well as in many other parts of the Bible, God is very clear about what He wants from His people - He is not as much concerned about religious rites and behaviors as He is about His people pursuing mercy, righteousness, and justice. What exactly does this mean? It's quite simple really - we are called to see others (ALL others) as image-bearers of God and love them (ALL of them) accordingly. Throughout worship today, you are encouraged to think about the ways that you have fallen short by not pursuing justice for all. But you are also encouraged to think about what it means to pursue justice for all while living in the joy and freedom of the Gospel.

Sermon Notes "Justice"

- * *Who was Amos and what was his prophetic message?*
- * *What is Amos getting at in our verses today?*
- * *What is the Biblical view of justice?*
- * *In what ways have we (individually and collectively) fallen short when it comes to justice?*
- * *How might you better pursue Gospel-focused justice for all?*

MISSION STATEMENT

"At St. John Lutheran Church,
our purpose is to make
and equip disciples everywhere
by proclaiming
Jesus Christ as Savior."



WHAT'S HAPPENING

The week of November 8 at St. John!

- * **Sunday Worship at 10:30 am** ... Starting November 8, both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services will be in the Sanctuary. However, we will have our FM transmitter working during both services. If you plan to stay in your car and worship from there (tune into 98.9 FM), please park in the back row of the parking lot and our Elder will bring you the bulletin and Communion supplies.
- * **Stephen Ministry Sunday ~ November 22** ... St. John's Stephen Ministers are lay people that provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.
- * **Fall Online Bible Study** ... Pastor Stadler is leading an 8-week Bible study on the books of Ruth — a surprising, unexpected ancestress of Jesus, and Esther — an undercover Jew who saved her people from extinction. These studies are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Each session will take place online via Zoom and the recorded studies will be available on our website. To access the 6th session on November 5, go to <http://bit.ly/Ruth-EstherSession6>. To access the seventh session on November 12, go to <http://bit.ly/Ruth-EstherSession7>.
- * **Christian Basics Class** ... Are you looking to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith? Perhaps you want a refresher on a certain area of the faith. If so, we are offering an 8-week Christian Basics Class on our website and Facebook page on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. The sixth class on November 9 is on Prayer.
- * **Focus on Justice** ... This week we are focusing on the theme of Justice. Today's sermon, Bible study and Sunday School will look at the topic of justice. Then, on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm, our own Pastor Koschmann will present on this topic via Zoom for our fall Community Conversations. You can access this presentation via this link: <http://bit.ly/2020FallCommunityConvos> (passcode: 252906). If you are unable to attend, it will be recorded and put on our website.
- * **In Our Prayers** ... Cindy Melzer, Bartley Kohel, Rock Gjerme, Renee Holz, Marion Hastings, Jon Friel, Vance Grannis, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Kevin Portuguese, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Gene Pommerening
- * **Weekly Social Media Post** ... When we see ourselves and ALL others as God's beloved sons and daughters, then we will work to love and bless them accordingly. Plus, when we see others this way, we will actively pursue justice for the forgotten, downtrodden, and oppressed.
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