

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

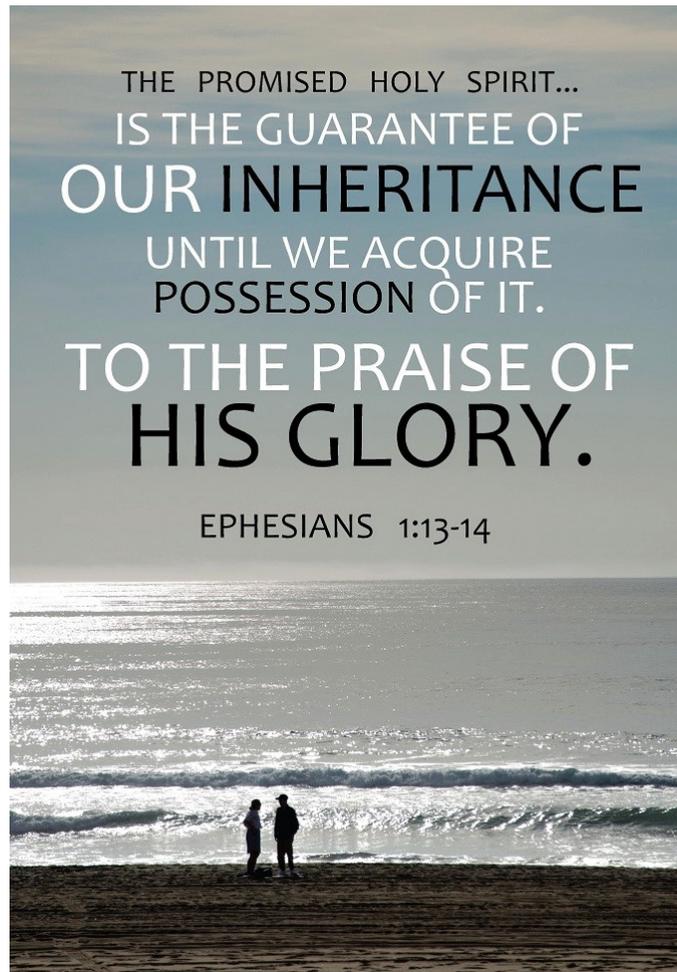
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 15, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.



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**Please stand if able* P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation (ELW—red book; WOV—blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude Prelude & Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress" Erik Meyer
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gary Haddock
*Confession and Forgiveness ELW p. 116-118
*Sharing the Peace P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
*Gathering Hymn "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" ELW #771
*Apostolic Greeting ELW p. 120
*Hymn of Praise "This is the feast of victory for our God..." ELW p. 122-123
*Prayer of the Day
P: 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.**

WORD

Children's Sermon Rev. Gary Haddock
Lessons Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14 Rona Saunders
*The Holy Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia, Alleluia..." ELW p. 124
*The Gospel Reading P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Mark 6:14-29
P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**
The Sermon Rev. Gary Haddock
*Hymn of the Day "How Firm a Foundation" ELW #796
*Apostles' Creed ELW p. 127
*Intercessory Prayer A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.** Rona Saunders

MEAL

The Offering / Offertory Aria on "A Mighty Fortress" Erik Meyer
*Offering Presentation / Response "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW #182
*Offertory Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Rona Saunders
*The Eucharistic Prayer V ELW p. 65-66
*The Lord's Prayer Traditional ELW p. 134
Distribution
Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ELW p. 135
Distribution Hymn "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" ELW #488
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Rona Saunders

SENDING

*The Benediction

P: Almighty God . . . C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata on “A Mighty Fortress”

Erik Meyer

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of grandson Alec Calvin Sigmon who would have been 19 years of age on July 19, 2018, by Carolyn Setzer Sigmon.

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LITURGY - WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Assisting Minister: Rona Saunders

Organist: Emily Wallace

Communion Assistants: Kermit Nash, Zach Gardner

Altar Guild: Libby & Harley Brown

Tabulators: Ginger Carpenter, Cathy Sigmon, Jean Cloninger, Hilda Deal

Deacons: Scott Ramsey, Edie Connor

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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AMOS 7:7-15

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. 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; 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." 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. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

PSALM 85:8-13

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. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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

MARK 6:14-29

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

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. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 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. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 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." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 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." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.