

### Announcements

- Welcome to worship on this 7th Sunday after Pentecost!
  - And a special welcome to **Brenna Reak** and her family, who will be baptized today and officially welcomed into the body of Christ
- Update regarding worship:
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- We are again collecting things for layette kits and personal care kits.
- Mark your calendars for Bible study this week on Thursday **and** for the *Journey with Jesus* event on Friday starting at 7:00 (sponsored by our Stewardship Team)

### \*Confession + Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **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. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

### \*Gathering Hymn | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW 858

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!*

*Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning*

*And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.*

*Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;*

*Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.*

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!*

*All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!*

*Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!*

**[in-person] Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Do you renounce... **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Let us welcome the newly baptized: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**\*Greeting**

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

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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. Amen.

## Children's Message

### First Reading | 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 the Lord God says, because he speaks peace to his people and to his faithful ones. Don't let them return to foolish ways.

**God's salvation is very close to those who honor him so that his glory can live in our land.**

Faithful love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed.

**Truth springs up from the ground; righteousness gazes down from heaven.**

Yes, the Lord gives what is good, and our land yields its produce.

**Righteousness walks before God, making a road for his steps.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.*

*Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.*

*Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

**\*Gospel Reading | 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.

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** | *Let Streams of Living Justice*

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*Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;  
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.*

*For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.*

*Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,  
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way -- the path untried;  
Your truth -- the heart of stranger; your life -- the crucified.*

### *[online]* \***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself.

Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. And continue to accompany Allie Schley as she shares your message with the people of Namibia. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination, and give strength and healing to those who are sick, especially Deloris Streich, Darleen Ganfield, Pastor Dave, Nancy Gjerde, Lori Roemhildt, and Jane Lorsung. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling for life in which you took delight. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, upon Brenna and all who are washed in the waters of baptism. May our lights shine in the world and give glory to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

### Communion Distribution + Blessing

May the body and blood...

### \*Final Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### \*Sending Hymn | *Canticle of the Turning*

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*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

[chorus]

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. [chorus]*

*From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;*

*There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. [chorus]*

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:*

*God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.*

*This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,*

*Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. [chorus]*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**