



Tragedy or Triumph

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am ~ July 11, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE VIDEO *In Christ*

GATHERING SONG *Canticle of the Turning*

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.’ ”

SECOND READING: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Barb Fronczak

Merciful God,

we come before You with praise and thanksgiving! Through Jesus Christ, You have lavished on us every spiritual blessing we could possibly imagine!

But rather than come to You, like sheep that have gone astray, we often choose to go our own ways. We have not been holy as You are holy. We are not blameless in Your sight. All of our righteousness is filthy rags. Therefore, most gracious God, we come before you today unworthy of your love and forgiveness. We confess there are things we have done and things we have failed to do. Yet we know that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because of your Son who died for us, we know that our sins are forgiven and our guilt is removed. For this we offer our thanks and praise.

Before the world was created, You already knew us and loved us. You adopted us as your own children, and redeemed us through the blood of Christ. You have blessed us immeasurably. But, dear Father, there are those among us who need Your special attention as they deal with physical, mental, emotional, and/or spiritual pain. So we come before You asking that You help them. We pray especially for Bob, Dot, Casey and her baby, Irma, Jenn, the Woodward family, the family of Russ and Anita, the family of Lou, Burt, Dennis, Beau, those on our long-term prayer list and those we name now in our hearts.

And even more than loving us, You have made us Your heirs, and given us Your own Spirit as a sign and guarantee. Let that Spirit guide us, our world leaders, and all the people of this world to live peacefully together, to care for one another as You care for us, to make good use of the earth and all its treasures as You would have us do. We thank You for all those willing to sacrifice their time and talents to help others, whether in big ways or small, because we know each one makes a difference. We ask that You guide our young people to discover the talents You have given them and then to cultivate them so that, as they grow, their talents grow too and make this world all the better.

Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us here. May our worship this morning bring you honor and glory, for You alone are worthy of our praise. Give us a passion to show and share Your gracious gospel to a world so desperately in need of You. When we leave here and go about our daily lives, help us to be examples to others of Your amazing grace. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL: 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 Pr. Charlie Woodward

OFFERING TIME

As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support, as we continue to maintain our property, our financial commitments to our staff, and our mission to the broader community. You are invited to take time either right now or after today's service to send your check to the church or to make your [offering online](#).

OFFERTORY SONG *Give Thanks*

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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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Remembrance*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING and CHARGE

SENDING SONG *Mission's Flame*

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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