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**SEVENTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Saturday, July 10, 2021, 6:00 pm and Sunday, July 11, 2021, 8:30 a.m.**

## As We Gather

In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

### PREPARATION

#### Opening Hymn

*Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship*

**LSB #911**

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 85:1–13*

- P** Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

- C** **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**P** You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

- C** **You covered all their sin.**

**P** You withdrew all Your wrath;

- C** **You turned from Your hot anger.**

**P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

- C** **and put away Your indignation toward us!**

**P** Will You be angry with us forever?

- C** **Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

**P** Will You not revive us again,

**C** that Your people may rejoice in You?

**P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

**C** and grant us Your salvation.

**We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.**

**P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;

**C** but let them not turn back to folly.

**P** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

**C** that glory may dwell in our land.

**P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

**C** righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

**C** and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

**C** and our land will yield its increase.

**P** Righteousness will go before Him

**C** and make His footsteps a way.

**P** The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, in the stead of our Lord Jesus, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

WORD

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7–15 (ESV)*

*Amos boldly speaks for the Lord against Amaziah and Jeroboam*

<sup>7</sup> This 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. <sup>8</sup> 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; <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> Then 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. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, " 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " <sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." <sup>14</sup> Then 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. <sup>15</sup> But 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.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14 (ESV)*

*God made our salvation certain before the creation of the world*

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through

his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In 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, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In 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, <sup>14</sup> who 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.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:14–29 (ESV)*

### *Herodias gets John the Baptist's head*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King 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." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For 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. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for 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. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> For 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." <sup>23</sup> And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup> And 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." <sup>26</sup> And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup> And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup> and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

**Sermon Hymn**

*Thy Strong Word*

**LSB #578**

**Sermon**

**Life is Wild – God is Good!**

**Offering**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised.

**C** Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament.

- P** When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere.
- C** **Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior.**
  
- P** Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world.
- C** **Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved.**
  
- P** Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will.
- C** **Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict.**
  
- P** Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, [*including . . .*]. Give them the healing, comfort, and hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
  
- P** You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past.
- C** **Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and hope.**
  
- P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

## **Benediction**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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