July 14, 2024 (B) Time After Pentecost

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15 This is what he 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 centre 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 sycomore 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 Spiritual Blessings in Christ
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 towards redemption as God's own people,
to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29 King Herod heard of it, 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.

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Sunday July 14, 2024 @ 11:00 am

"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Order of Worship

Today's Order of Worship and hymns are both located in **the Evangelical Lutheran Worship**.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 85:8-13 Tune: 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (Fred til Bod) 77 77 77

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.

Now to speak the Lord draws near; Let us all his message hear.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

God draws near in righteousness And with peace, his world to bless.

Mercy and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

God proclaims his faithful word; Let it now in faith be heard.

Faithfulness will spring up from the earth, and righteousness will look down from heaven.

Now to speak the Lord draws near; Let us all his message hear.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

God draws near in righteousness And with peace, his world to bless.

Righteousness will go before the Lord, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Alleluia! Glory be To the Lord eternally!

Dates to Remember

Save the date – Sunday August 18 - Golf tournament and perch dinner at Freedom Oaks in Dunnville. Golf 1:00 pm and dinner 5 pm. More details to follow.

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GATHERING

Welcoming Hymn ... ELW #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading	Amos 7:7-15
Psalm #85:8-13	Printed in bulletin
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Acclamation	Hymn #513 Listen,
God is Calling v. 2	
"Glory to you, O Lord"	

Gospel...... Mark 6:14-29 "Praise to you, O Christ."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Prayers

Peace (non-contact gestures)

Offering Song ???

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving......ELW.......Page 206
Holy, Holy, Holy......ELW......Page 207
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The Lord's Prayer......ELWPage

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O Lamb of GodELW...... Page 208

Communion Hymns... ELW # 697 & 594

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn.. ELW... #547 Sent Forth by

God's Blessing

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

"Thanks be to God"