

Full Service Bulletin

MISSION SERVICE

JULY 14, 2024

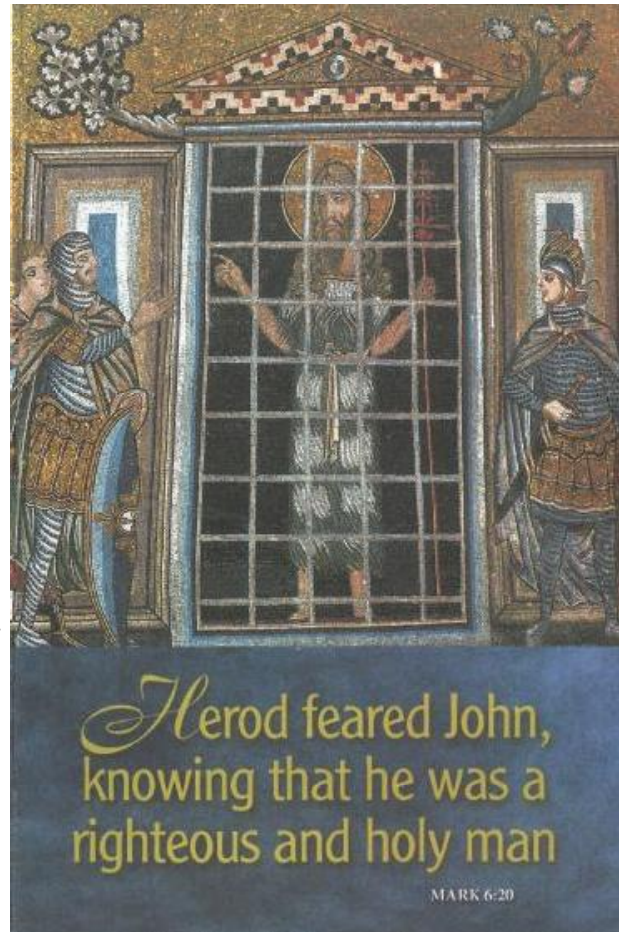
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.*

CHILDREN *We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

INTRODUCTION *In today's readings, we recognize the danger of being a prophetic voice in the world. 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 seen as a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. Jesus criticized religious leaders who twisted life-giving practices into heavy burdens. He too would be put to death, as if the grave would silence Him. 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.*



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

*"Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates" (WOV # 631 - tune: DIADEMATA
- Text: Ps 24:7-9, Bert Polman; Tune: George J. Elvay)*

1-2 Lift up your heads, O gates; the King of glo - ry waits.

1-2 Lift high, O an - cient doors, o - bey; pre - pare the roy - al way.

1 Who is this glo - rious King whose praise the na - tions sing?
2 Sing ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, by heav'n and earth a - dored:

1 The Lord, the Might - y, Ho - ly One, whose strength the vic - t'ry won.
2 O God of pow'r, O God of might, you reign in glo - rious light.

INVOCATION (= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin. (*Please kneel. Silence is kept for personal confession.*)

P: God our strength, C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise Him, Praise Him" (Maj 43 - favorite)*

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Sing, O earth, His
2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! For our sins He
3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Heav'n-ly por-tals

won-der-ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! Hail Him! high-est arch-an-gels in glo-ry;
suf-fered, and bled, and died. He, our Rock, our Hope of e-ter-nal sal-va-tion-
loud with ho-san-nas ring! Je-sus, Sav-ior, reign-eth for-ev-er and ev-er.

Strength and hon-or give to His ho-ly name! Like a shep-herd,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Je-sus, the Cru-ci-fied. Sound His prais-es!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Proph-et, and Priest, and King! Christ is com-ing,

Je-sus will guard His chil-dren; In His arms He car-ries them all day long.
Je-sus, who bore our sor-rows; Love un-bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep, and strong!
o-ver the world vic-to-ri-ous; Pow'r and glo-ry un-to the Lord be-long!

Refrain
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His ex-cel-lent great-ness;

Praise Him! Praise Him! ev-er in joy-ful song!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 85:8-13

(congregation reads indented)

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;

**He promises peace to His people, His saints—
but let them not return to folly.**

Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him,

that His glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,

and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed give what is good,

and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before Him

and prepares the way for His steps.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“What a Day That Will Be” (Maj # 281 - Jim Hill)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and the key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are as follows:

1 There is com - ing a day when no heart - aches shall come,
2 There'll be no sor - row there, no more bur - dens to bear,

1 No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye; All is
2 No more sick - ness, no pain, no more part - ing o - ver there; And for -

1 peace for ev - er - more on that hap - py gold - en shore—What a day,
 2 ev - er I will be with the One who died for me— What a day,
 1-2 glo - ri - ous day, that will be. What a day that will be when my
 Je - sus I shall see, And I look up - on His face— the One who
 saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand, and leads me
 through the Prom - ised Land, What a day, glo - ri - ous day, that will be.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READINGAmos 7:7-15Pew Bible p. 1428

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGEphesians 1:1-23.....p. 1817

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*) “He Is Exalted”

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high; I will
praise him. He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will
praise his name! He is the Lord; for -
ev - er his truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re - joice in his ho - ly
name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

WORDS and MUSIC: Twila Paris (1958-)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

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

GOSPELMark 6:14-29.....p. 1561

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children go to Children’s Church)

(Please sit. See sermon outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “The Six ‘P’s - Part I”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)* “Praise Be To Jesus”

(Maj # 66 verses 1,3 - Gloria & William J. Gaither)

1 Let him who is thirst-y come to clear wa - ter,
 3 Then shall the light break forth in - to morn - ing,

1 Let him who is hun - gry come by and eat;
 3 Bring - ing beau - ty for ash - es, strength for the days;

1 For mon - ey can't buy this cool liv - ing wa - ter,
 3 And hearts that were heav - y shall stand in His pres - ence,

1 Or this milk and hon - ey so sweet.
 3 Wrapped in the gar - ment of praise.

Praise be to Je - sus, the sweet Rose of Sha - ron, Praise to the Christ, the Re -

deem - er of men; Praise to the King who is reign - ing for -

ev - er, The Hope of the a - ges, my Mas - ter and Friend.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord's Prayer*:

L: What is The Second Petition?

C: "Thy kingdom come," (*Matthew 6:10*)

L: What does this mean?

C: Truly God's Kingdom comes by itself, without our prayer. But we pray in this request that it may come to us as well.

L: How does this happen?

C: It happens when the Heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that we believe His holy Word by His grace and live godly lives here in this age and there in eternal life.

L: What is The Third Petition?

C: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (*Mt. 6:10*)

L: What does this mean?

C: Truly, God's good and gracious will is accomplished without our prayer. But we pray in this request that it is accomplished among us as well.

L: How does this happen?

C: It happens when God destroys and interferes with every evil will and all evil advice, which will not allow God's Kingdom to come, such as the Devil's will, the world's will and will of our bodily desires. It also happens when God strengthens us by faith and by His Word and keeps us living by them faithfully until the end of our lives. This is His will, good and full of grace.

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

(*Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

INSTALLATION OF VBS STAFF *(Please sit.)*

(All those helping with VBS please stand in place.)

P: Dear Christian Friends, it is our privilege to recognize and support those engaged in the ministry of teaching, presenting the Gospel to children through Vacation Bible School.

P: Thank you for giving of your time and talents for this important ministry of the church. Will you endeavor to discharge your responsibilities faithfully, following our Lord's example of humble service?

R: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: And you, people of Holy Cross Church, will you support and pray for the VBS Team as they diligently minister this week?

C: We will.

P: The Vacation Bible School ministry is now committed to you in the name of the triune God. May you be fully equipped and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to accomplish all that the Father desires these next six days as you faithfully serve Him to the glory of Jesus Christ.

C: AMEN.

BLESSING

P: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

(Ephesians 3:19)

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"The King Is Coming" (Maj # 280 - favorite)

Gloria Gaither, stanzas 1, 2, 3
William J. Gaither, stanzas 1, 2, 3
Charles Millhuff, stanza 3 in part

KING IS COMING
William J. Gaither

1 The mar-ket place is emp-ty, No more traf-fic in the streets, All the
2 Hap-py fac-es line the hall-ways, Those whose lives have been redeemed, Broken
3 I can hear the char-iots rum-ble, I can see the march-ing throng, The

1 build-ers' tools are si-lent, No more time to har-vest wheat; Bus-y
2 homes that He has mend-ed, Those from pris-on He has freed; Lit-tle
3 flur-ry of God's trum-pets Spells the end of sin and wrong; Re-gal

1 house-wives cease their la-bors, In the court-room no de-bate, Work on
2 chil-dren and the a-ged Hand in hand stand all a-glow, Who were
3 robes are now un-fold-ing, Heav-en's grand-stand's all in place, Heav-en's

1 earth is all sus-pend-ed As the King comes thro' the gate.
2 cri-p-pled, bro-ken, ru-ined, Clad in gar-ments white as snow.
3 choir now as-sem-bled, Start to sing "A-maz-ing Grace!"

O the King is com-ing, the King is

com - ing! I just heard the trum-pets sound - ing, And
 now His face I see; O the King is com-ing, the
 King is com-ing! Praise God, He's com-ing for me!

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
 let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
 have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
 Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
 You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY:

GREETERS: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski
SONG LEADER: Pastor Dave
LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Kathy Ballek
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker & *Volunteer needed*
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
GRASS CUTTERS (7/8-13): Mike Miller, Nick Wechsler - *Thanks!*
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
SEXTON: *Volunteer needed*
PHONETREE: Jim Femister
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski
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Volunteers Needed, *Sexton* † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*
Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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