

West & East St. Olaf Lutheran

Joint Worship Service at West Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Gloria Pew



INTRODUCTION

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 a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (WOV 771)

GREETING (WOV p. 46)

SCRIPTURE SONG (WOV p. 47)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

A reading from 2 Samuel.

The ark of the covenant, long a symbol of God's presence with Israel, is brought into Jerusalem by David. The entrance of the ark into this new capital city is marked by great rejoicing, and David himself is the chief dancer. His wife Michal, King Saul's daughter, considers such behavior undignified.

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

^{12b}So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.

¹⁸When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting
doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting
doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly

places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King 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." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for 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. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When 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." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately 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." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Justice Flow like Streams* (WOV 763)

CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)

PEACE (WOV p. 50)

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (WOV p. 50)

THE PRAYERS

Each petition of the prayer will end: Lord in your mercy,
Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 25)

BLESSING (WOV p. 53)

SENDING SONG *Be Thou My Vision* (WOV 776)

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 53)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING



If you are visiting, we're glad you chose to worship with us. Please sign our guestbook in the narthex. Times for services rotate monthly between East & West churches.



JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST: has early service at 8:30 am

EAST: has late service at 10:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): Sharon Gulbransen (July)

Altar Guild: Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers (July)

Acolytes: Usher's cover for summer months

Reader: Debbie Schuck (July 15)

Ushers: Don Alrick, Greg Brandt,
Neil Rabehl, and Craig Steinfadt (July)

Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers (July)

Stewardship: Darlene Hanson (July)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paul Gone on Mission Trip July 22 through July 28

If you have emergency pastoral needs, please call your church council contact persons (*listed at the back of bulletin*).

Meeting Scheduled for Confirmation Parents & Students

Students 7th grade or higher are eligible to begin Confirmation instruction. **A meeting for parents and students is scheduled for Wed., August 15, at 7:00 at West – this is for current students as well as new ones.** We will review program, requirements, materials, & scheduling. *Looking forward to a great year of serving!*

Last Week's Attendance & Collections

(07/08) Attendance: 32. Current \$1,415 and Benevolence \$25.

Next Week's Readings: JULY 22: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a , Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22, and Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

07/15	8:30 am	Joint service, then goodies & fellowship
	-----	East supplies cookies to Season's Hospice
	1:30 pm	West WELCA provides cookies for today's Field Crest service (<i>Pastor Hauschild leading</i>)
Mon.	9:00-noon	Pastor Paul at office
Tue.	10:00 am	East Circle 4 meeting/quilting/sack lunch
Wed.	11:30 am	10:00 am Pastor Paul leads worship-Byron
Thur.	-----	Pastor Paul's day off-work
	Noon	<u>DEADLINE to submit Aug. newsletter info</u>
Fri.	9:00-noon	Pastor Paul at office
07/22	8:30 am	West worship and communion with Rev. Roy Satre (<i>Pastor Paul on mission trip</i>)
	10:00 am	East worship with Rev. Roy Satre (<i>Pastor Paul on mission trip</i>)

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COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

>>> Pastor Paul gone on mission trip through July 28 <<<

July 24 (Tue.): 10:00 East quilting/sack lunch

July 29 (Sun.): Pastor Paul is preaching

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Vicki Lawrence, Loretta Himle, Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Veronica Riniker (*mother of Donna Larsen*), Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

East Prayers: Les Severson (*son of Carol Severson*), Bev Brandt, Vicki Lawrence, Maryann Schultz, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson's daughter*), Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette*), Vern Exe (*father of Pete*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*).

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