

**HEROD FEARED JOHN,
KNOWING THAT
HE WAS A
RIGHTEOUS
AND HOLY
MAN, AND HE
PROTECTED HIM.**

MARK 6:20, NRSV

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Weekend after Pentecost

July 10th and July 11th



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WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God, our provider,

ALL: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Leader: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

ALL: Amen.

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 ⁹he 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.

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

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure enabling growth, refreshing
life, abundance, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness flow like streams of sparkling water, pure and everflowing
stream of faith translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right,
and peace pervade this world our whole like through.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Leader: Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Leader: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

ALL: AMEN.

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God...

ALL: everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God

ALL: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting
hymn of praise; once more we bless you ere our worship cease, the lowly
bending wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; with you began, with you
shall end the day; guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that
in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night; for us transform its
darkness into light. Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn; your
evening presence promise to your own.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life; our balm in sorrow, and
our stay in strife; Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease, call
us, O Lord to your eternal peace.

Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Sat: Worship 5:00 PM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

In our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Jeff Wheeler- medical concerns

Carole Ambrose- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Janice Wolfe- medical concerns

Clarence Smithers- medical concerns

Margaret Berger- medical concerns

Pat Sievert- medical concerns

Janice Wolfe- medical concerns



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ralph and Frederick Sandrock and given by Marilyn Sandrock and Carolyn Lasseter.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Office hours may be modified July 12th-16th.
If no one is in the office, please leave a voicemail or email message.
They will be checked frequently.

USHERS NEEDED

We have been scheduling volunteers week to week, but would like to recreate a more regular schedule. If you would be willing to help and be added to the 'new' usher rotation, please reply to this email or contact the church office (419-836-5514). Ushering is a great way to help with weekly worship. If you would like to volunteer but are unsure how to usher, we can provide instructions.

LECTORS NEEDED!

We hope to resume live lectors beginning in September. If you are willing to be added to the 'new' lector rotation, please contact the church office ([419-836-5514](tel:419-836-5514)). Reading the scripture lessons is a powerful way to help with weekly worship and help others hear God's word. If you would like to read but are unsure what 'joining the rotation' would entail, please contact the church office or any member of the Worship Life committee for more information.

CAT AND DOG FOOD DRIVE!

Christian Community Life has delivered the supply of contributed Cat and Dog Food to Senior Resources in Oak Harbor. They were absolutely thrilled with the donation that will be given to seniors in Ottawa County who "need a little help" with their pets. If you can continue to help with this caring for pets, please drop off cat and dog food, treats and/or kitty litter at St. John/Williston (near the office) or to Genoa Jewelers. Your continued help will be greatly appreciated by our Ottawa County Seniors and their pets.