



the beheading of John the Baptist

July 14, 2024

8th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

Introduction

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Bread of Life

Welcome to Worship

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



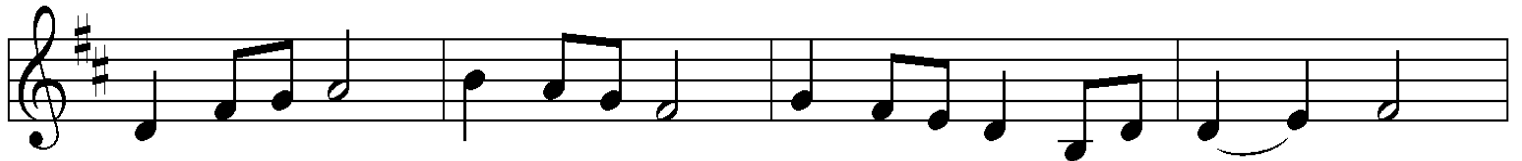
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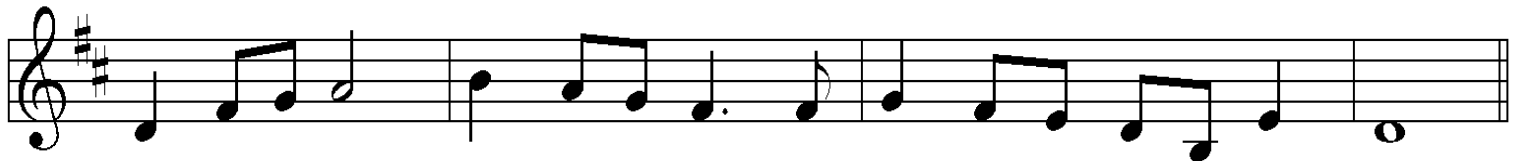
I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



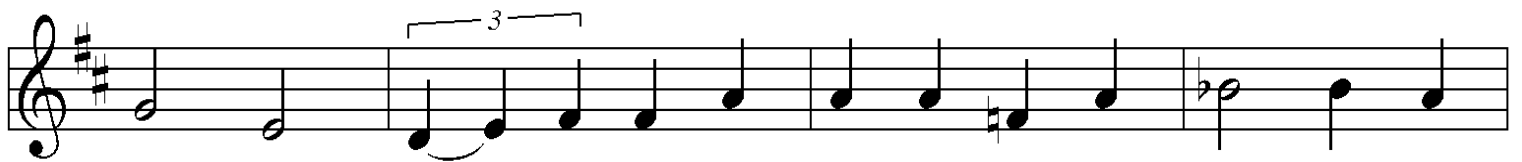
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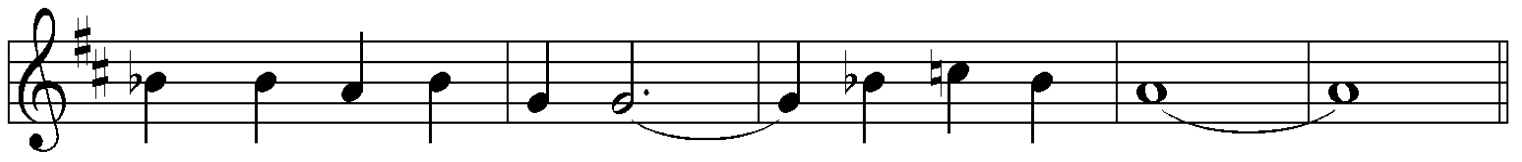
☩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



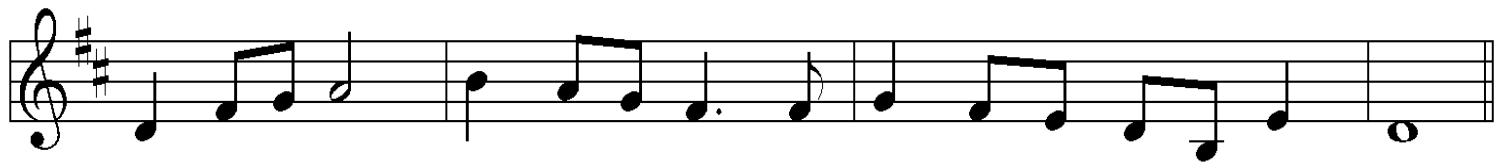
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



II Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The Greeting

P The Lord be with You

All And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

All Amen

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

Silence for reflection

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.**

P 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

Prayer for This Day

P O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.

All 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.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Amos, the 7th chapter

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷This 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. ⁸And 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;

⁹the 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."

¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

Amos 7:7-15

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Ephesians the 1st chapter

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.

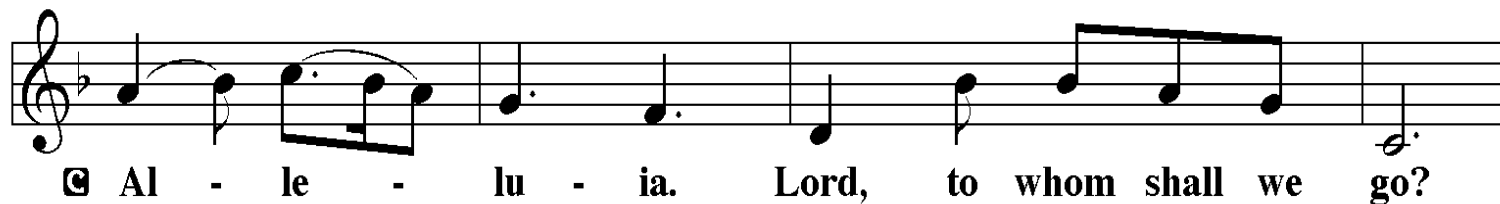
Ephesians 1:3-14

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

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

All 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.

Mark 6:14-29

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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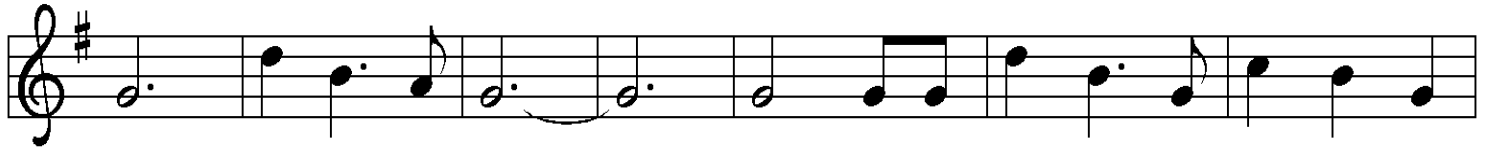
Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so



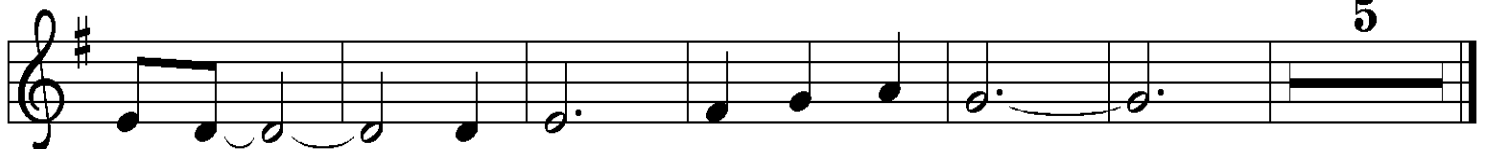
live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

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Prayers of The People

WA One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

♪ ♪ **Praise God from whom all blessings flow** ♪ ♪
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise God above, Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

P God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

***All* Accept these gifts that you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

***All* And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

***All* We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God in Community, Holy and One,
we lift our prayers to you, saying ...

All **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.**

The Invitation

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

shed for you and
for all people
for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

Communion Songs

For Those Tears I Died

Words and Music by
Marsha J. Stevens



1. You said You'd come__ and share all my sor-rows.____ You said You'd
(2.) good-ness so great__ I can't un - der - stand,____ and dear Lord, I
3. Je - sus, I give You my heart and my soul,____ I know that with -



be there for all my to - mor-rows.____ I came so close____ to
know____ that all this was planned.____ I know You're here now and
-out God I'd nev - er be whole.____ Sav - ior, You o - pened



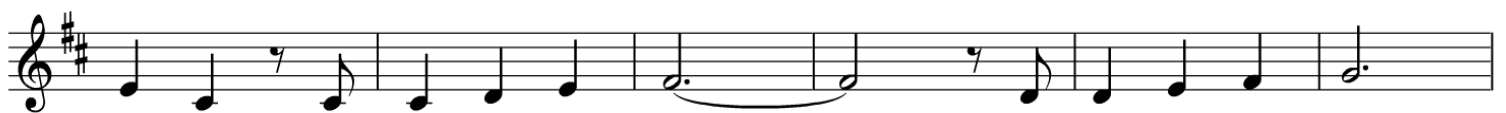
send-ing You a - way. But just like You prom-ised, You came here to__
al - ways will be, Your love loosed my chains__ and in You I'm__
all__ the right doors and I thank You and praise You from earth's hum - ble__



stay,____ I just had to pray.____ And Je - sus said,
free,____ but Je - sus why me?____
shores,____ Take me, I'm Yours.____



"Come to the wa - ter, stand by My__ side; I know you are



thirs - ty, you won't be de - nied.____ I felt ev - 'ry tear -



-drop when in dark-ness you cried____ and I strove to re - mind



you that for those tears I died."____

2. Your died.”
 (3.)

Humble Thyself / Awesome God Words and Music by
Bob Hudson

Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord, Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the

Lord; And He shall lift you

up high-er and high-er, and He shall lift you up.

up. Our God is an awe-some God, He

reigns from heav-en a-bove; With wis-dom, pow'r and love—our

God is an awe-some God. Our God is an awe-some God, He

reigns from heav-en a-bove; With wis-dom, pow'r and love—our

God is an awe-some God!

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Let us pray,
Jesus, Bread of life,

**All we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray. Amen**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

All Amen.

Sending Song

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes



1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
4 All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, from ___ whom all things come; And all



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
praise to Christ Je - sus, His ___ on - ly ___ Son. And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll
guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each man's pride. And they'll
praise to the Spir - it, who ___ makes ___ us ___ one. And they'll



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll



know ___ we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

Dismissal

P God, who created us to join in His work also created us to rest in his peace.

Go in peace, celebrate God's love!

All Thanks be to God!

Readings for next Sunday,
July 21st
Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading:

Psalm 121

Second Reading:

Exodus 13:17-21

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