

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**8:30AM • July 11, 2021**

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## Prelude

## Announcements

### Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, live-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us new.**

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn: *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You; I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You; I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up; Shinin' in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy, holy, holy; We cry holy, holy, holy.  
You are holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You; I want to see You.**

### Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

**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.**

### First Reading - Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>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."<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** “*Thy Word*” (Stand as you are able)

**Refrain:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.  
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**Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>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.” <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” <sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Word of our Lord,   **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message**

**Homily**     *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day:** “*Softly and Tenderly*”

**Vs. 1: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me.**

**See on the portals He’s waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.**

**Vs. 2: Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home.**

**Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling, “O sinner come home”**

**Vs 3: O for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me.**

**Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.**

**Vs 4: Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home.**

**Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling, “O sinner come home”**

**Vs. 5: Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home.**

**Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling, “O sinner come home”**

**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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers:** (*call and response*)

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *A brief silence.* 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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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.

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 and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 and those who need your unwavering strength especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sue Majerus, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Doug & Charlotte Hindal, and the family of Ruth Holm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.      **C: And also with you.**

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### **Offertory Prayer & Doxology: "Taste and See" #493**

**Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**Vs 2: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.**

**I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

L: Lift up your hearts.      **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

**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.**

### **The Meal**

**Communion Prayer: P: O God,**

**C: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing: (Please stand as you are able.) "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #884**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Sending: "I Love You Lord" 2X**

**I love you, Lord And I lift my voice. To worship you; Oh, my soul rejoice.**

**Take Joy my King; In what you hear. May it be a sweet, sweet sound; In your ear.**

**Dismissal: L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.      C: Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you Kelly Rehder for leading our music this morning!*

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