

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 15, 2018-Setting 4

The holy Christian people are externally recognized by the holy possession of the sacred cross. They must endure every misfortune and persecution, all kinds of trials and evil from the devil, the world, and the flesh (as the Lord's Prayer indicates) by inward sadness, timidity, fear, outward poverty, contempt, illness, and weakness, in order to become like their head, Christ. The only reason they must suffer is that they steadfastly adhere to Christ and God's Word, enduring this for the sake of Christ. They must be pious, quiet, obedient, and prepared to serve the government and everybody with life and goods, doing no one any harm. No people on earth have to endure such bitter hate; they must be called heretics, knaves and devils, the most pernicious people on earth, to the point where those who hang, drown, murder, torture, banish, and plague them to death are rendering God a service. No one has compassion on them' they are given myrrh and gall to drink when they thirst. All of this is done not because they are adulterers, murderers, thieves, or rogues but because they want to have none but Christ, and no other God. Wherever you see or hear this, you may know that the holy Christian church is there, as Christ says in Matthew 5:11-12, "Blessed are you when people revile you... and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." This too is a holy possession whereby the Holy Spirit not only sanctifies his people but also blesses them.

—Martin Luther, On Councils and Church, 1539

## Welcome

We are glad you have joined us today! Your children are welcome in church. When needed, a nursery is available during the service. Large print bulletins and hearing assist are available from the ushers. LSB refers to the Lutheran Service hymnal in the pew rack.

## Hymn

LSB 686 Come, Thou Fount

*Please stand.*

## Confession & Absolution

☩ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🔊 Amen. [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

[Psalm 124:8]

## *Quiet time for self-examination and confession*

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** [Psalm 130:3-4]

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

## Entrance Psalm [Ps 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: Ps 143:11]

For your name's sake, O LORD,  
preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul  
out of trouble!

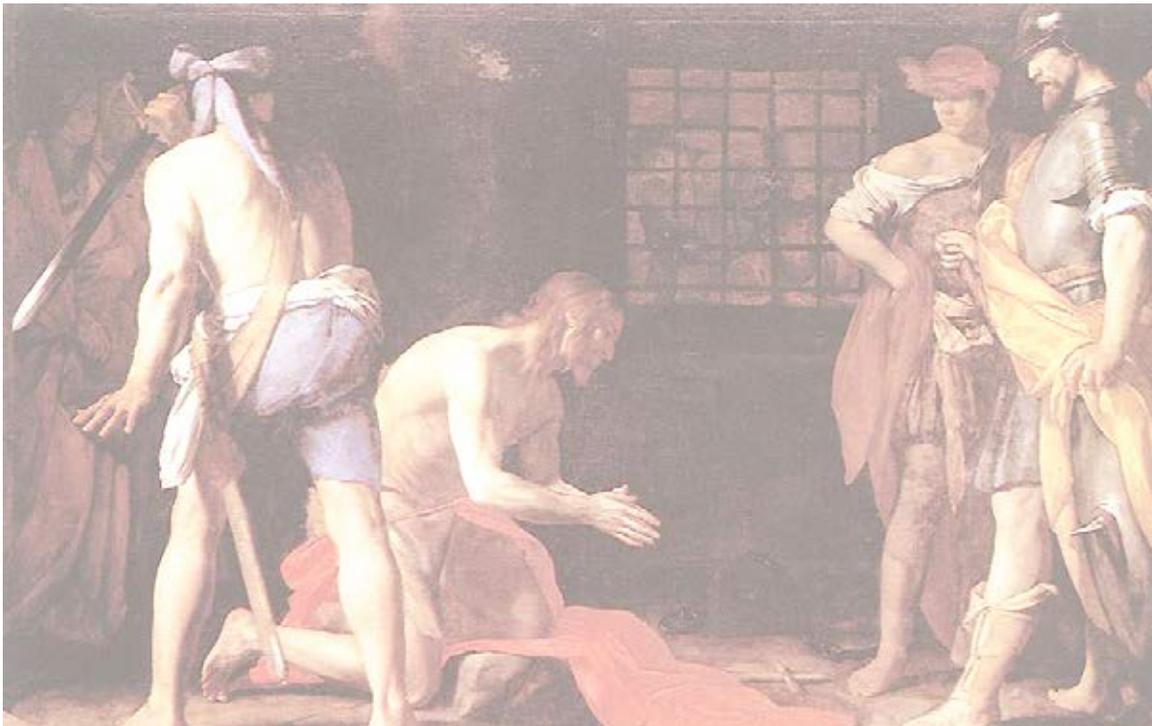
**Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me,  
in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your  
servant, for no one living is righteous  
before you.

**Let me hear in the morning of your  
steadfast love, for in you I trust.**

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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preserve my life!  
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Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting IV]

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Glory to God

[Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - clai - me at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Amos.

**T**his is what he showed me: behold, 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,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' [Amos 7:7-15]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Ephesians.

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. [Ephesians 1:3-14]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**K**ing Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias’s daughter 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 to you.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. [Mark 6:14-29]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit.*

#### Children’s Talk

*Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today’s Scripture readings led by Laurel Weddle.*

#### Hymn

LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

#### Sermon

#### Our Confession of Faith

*Please stand to confess the Nicene Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

#### Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.*

#### Gathering of the Offering

Amos 7:8 - “And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.” One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

*Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:*

#### Hymn

LSB 783 (1-4) Take My Life and Let It Be

#### Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

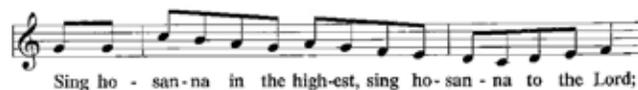
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, you promised salvation by a second Adam, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,... Amen.** [Matt 6:9-13]

**The Words of Our Lord**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

**Lamb of God**

[John 1:29]

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

**Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns**

*The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.*

*The wine is served first by individual cups. The right side of the individual cup tray contains diluted wine. If you desire to commune from the common cup please extend both hands in an open position. The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed.*

**LSB 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses**

**LSB 629 (soloist 1) What Is This Bread**

*When all have communed, please stand.*

**Post Communion Song**

[Luke 2:29-32]

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

[Galatians 6:10]

*Please refer to the Life@Faith insert for upcoming events.*

**Benediction**

[1 Thess 3:12-13]

May the Lord make you increase  
 and abound in love for one another and for all,  
 as we do for you,  
 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness  
 before our God and Father,  
 at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

**Postlude**

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**Evening Service 6<sup>30</sup>p**  
**Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25**  
 Holy Communion

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