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Time After Pentecost



“When his daughter Herodias came in and danced,
she pleased Herod and his guests”

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)* Arr. Mossing
See insert for the words

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **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.

C: Amen

HYMN Red hymnal #807

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

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

KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal #328

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

R: 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.'"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 85: 8-13

R: ⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for You speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to You.

C: ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear You, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

R: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

R: ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 6:14-29**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Sally Padgett

HYMN Purple hymnal #1050 *Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping*

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 again 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 THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer....**

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #414

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving Others."**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Tom & Babs Wesbecher in celebration of their 37th anniversary.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Sally Padgett
Reader	Lilian Nichols
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Ushers	Matt & Pam Sauls
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

Total Attendance: 7/6 & 7: 76

Unified Giving: \$4,555.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET ZION'S PASTORAL CANDIDATE TODAY after worship service.

Meet and greet Jaren Summers and his wife Kendra. A congregational vote for acceptance will be taken on July 21st after worship service.

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran World Relief Health Kits*

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

ONE **light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")**, dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE **adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging**

ONE **sturdy comb, remove packaging**

ONE **metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging**

Two ways to help:

- 1) Purchase the items listed, put them **unassembled** in a bag and place it in the collection box in the narthex.
- 2) Donate money that a group of shoppers can use to purchase the items listed. Give Donna Slyman a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.

ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS August 10th is going to be a great time at the ballpark. Jill Greer will be handing out the tickets and \$5 vouchers this weekend. If she doesn't see you, she will put them in your mailbox. If you wish to carpool, be at the church at 6:00.

LUNCH ON US Zion members who are interested in volunteering at the Lunch on Us program are asked to call or text Rene at (937) 308-4813 to sign up for a day or a week. Volunteers need to be there by 9:00 and are usually finished by noon. This program began June 10 and **ends on August 14**. Volunteers will prepare and package food items, fill lunch containers and hand out the lunches either at the Methodist church or on the delivery van.