

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Date: July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers: Lydell Reinardy and Roger Quam

Bell Ringer: Tony Busiahan

Sound Board: Larry Duncan

Computer: Richie Busiahan

Acolyte: Maddie Busiahan

Reader: Kris Sande or Deb Norstad

Altar: Losi Nelson, Cathy Hanson, Cindy Hayward

Money counters: Mary and Debbie

Preludes Jane

Piano: “They’ll Know We Are Chistians” – Peter Scholtes

Organ: “Andante Cantabile” – Charles Widor

Ringling of Church Bells – Tony Busiahan

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

***Hymn: ELW #413, “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

1. Holy holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth ad sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

***Prayer of the Day:** *(All pray)*

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

Please be seated

Special Music: Cindy Hayward

Children's Message: Pastor Nancy

First Lesson – Reader: Kris Sande or Deb Norstad

The First Lesson is from Amos, chapter 7, verses 7-15:

⁷ The LORD showed me a vision of himself standing beside a wall and holding a string with a weight tied to the end of it. The string and weight had been used to measure the straightness of the wall. ⁸ Then he asked, “Amos, what do you see?” “A measuring line,” I answered.

The LORD said, “I’m using this measuring line to show that my people Israel don’t measure up, and I won’t forgive them anymore. ⁹ Their sacred places will be destroyed, and I will send war against the nation of King Jeroboam.”

¹⁰ Amaziah, the priest at Bethel, sent this message to King Jeroboam of Israel, “Amos is plotting against you in the very heart of Israel. Our nation cannot put up with his message for very long. ¹¹ Here is what he is saying: ‘Jeroboam will be put to death, and the people will be taken to a foreign country.’”

¹² Then Amaziah told me, “Amos, take your visions and get out! Go back to Judah and earn your living there as a prophet. ¹³ Don’t do any more preaching at Bethel. The king worships here at our national temple.”

¹⁴ I answered: I’m not a prophet! And I wasn’t trained to be a prophet. I am a shepherd, and I take care of fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD told me to leave my herds and preach to the people of Israel.

L: Here ends the reading

C: Thanks Be to God

Second Lesson – Reader: Kris Sande or Deb Norstad

The Second Lesson is from Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 3-14:

[Paul said] ³ Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven! ⁴ Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people. ⁵ God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God’s own adopted children. ⁶ God was very kind to us because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God.

⁷⁻⁸ Christ sacrificed his life’s blood to set us free, which means that our sins are now forgiven. Christ did this because God was so kind to us. God has great wisdom and understanding, ⁹ and by what Christ has done, God has shown us his own mysterious ways. ¹⁰ Then when the time is right, God will do all that he has planned, and Christ will bring together everything in heaven and on earth.

¹¹ God always does what he plans, and that’s why he appointed Christ to choose us. ¹² He did this so that we Jews would bring honor to him and be the first ones to have hope because of him. ¹³ Christ also brought you the truth, which is the good news about how you can be saved. You put your faith in Christ and were given the promised Holy Spirit to show that you belong to God. ¹⁴ The Spirit also makes us sure that we will be given what God has stored up for his people. Then we will be set free, and God will be honored and praised.

L: Here ends the reading

C: Thanks Be to God

Please stand as you are able

***Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29**

¹⁴ King Herod heard [about the new ministry of Jesus], 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.” ¹⁵ But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised!”

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When [Herod] heard [John], he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When [Herodias' 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." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon: Pastor Nancy Dreier

Please remain seated for the hymn

Hymn: ELW #793, "Be Thou my Vision"

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's she-lder, and thou my high tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Please stand as you are able

***The Apostle's 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.

***Prayers of the people**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and
all of God's creation:

Prayer Response: P: Lord in your mercy.....

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

***The 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.

***Summer Time Benediction**

P: As you enter this week anew,
 may you experience God's presence.
 May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit
 over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips,
 over your hearts and your feelings and emotions
 over your compassion for others,
 and over your hands and your feet
 as you put into action all that God calls from you.

And during this week,
 may the love of God, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the company of the Holy Spirit
 be with each one of you;

All: Amen.

Sending:

P: Go forth into the world now, rejoicing in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: ELW# 537, "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

1 On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
 Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
 Who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain: On our way rejoicing, as we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

Refrain: On our way rejoicing, as we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Ringling of Chancel Bells

Postlude Jane: “Imortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – Traditonal Welsh Tune