

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase
Psalm 85:12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

9:00 AM; 6:00 PM

Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

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.

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

Please note the following parameters set forth by our Congregational Council:

9:00 a.m. Worship – All worship participants who are vaccinated are welcome to worship without masks. Those who are not vaccinated, or wish to remain masked, are encouraged to wear masks.

6:00 p.m. Worship – All worship participants are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. (*Note: All those leading worship in the chancel or choir loft are vaccinated, and will only remove masks while speaking or singing.*)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting X

In-person worship rubrics will be found in bold italics.

† GATHERING †

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andante

Charles Wood

ACCLAMATION

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.

(Ephesians 1:17-18)

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the [†] Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In-person worship: The congregation will sing the appointed stanzas of the Gathering Hymn as the assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (*Stanzas 1 & 4*)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing-kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels round the throne.
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the sa - cred Name



Ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
And bless - ing, more than we can give, Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
Of Him Who sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME



FIRST READING Amos 7:7-15

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

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 85:8-13

ELW Tone 1

⁸I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

- ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
- ¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
- ¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In 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, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In 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; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

The holy gospel according to Mark.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

King 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." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It 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 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. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 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. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 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." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 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." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Rev. Wollner

In-person worship: The congregation will sing the appointed stanzas of the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY 624 Jesus, Still Lead On (*ALL Stanzas*)

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRAUTIGAM, Adam Dresel, 1620–1701

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

† MEAL †

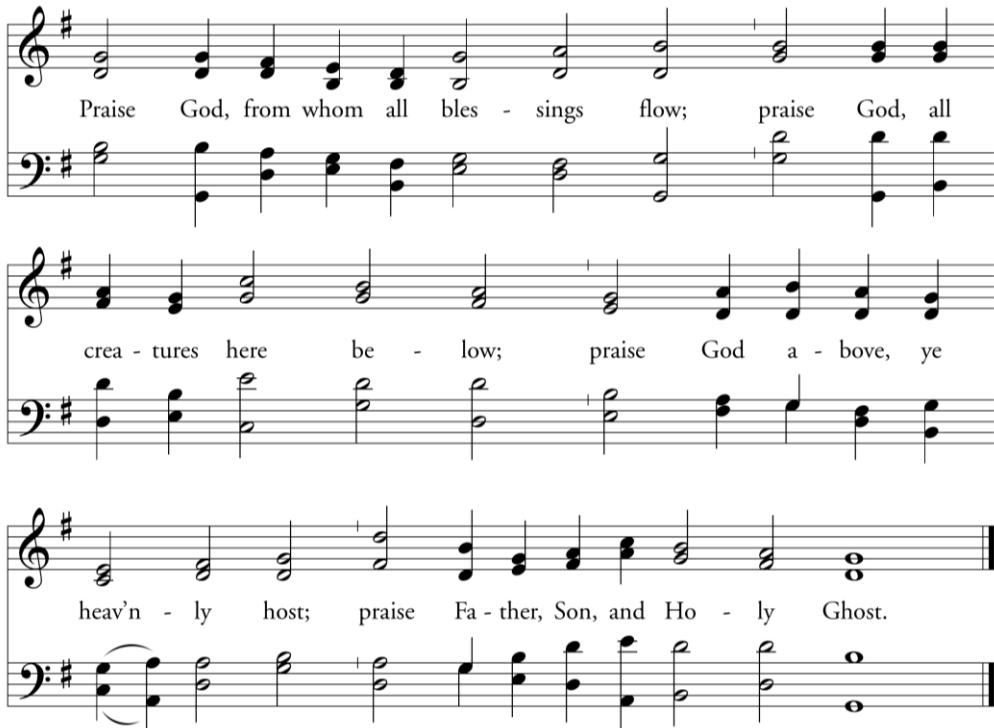
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Teach Me, O Lord
(online only)

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.

e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Gluten-free wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, 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.

† SENDING †

BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and † give you peace. A - men.

In-person worship: The congregation will sing the appointed portion of the Sending Hymn as the assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 710 Let Streams of Living Justice (ALL Stanzas)

THAXTED



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitsla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Praeludium in E Major

Vincent Lübeck

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary on July 9, by Don and Mary Armitage.

This week we keep in prayer Elizabeth Efird, 142 Bermuda Village Drive, Bermuda Run, NC 27006-7867. Please send **Elizabeth** a note.

Youth RAK Attack today, July 11 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at the Anthony's Plot garden. Email katie@alcws.org for more info! No Youth Group gathering at 7:00 p.m. this week (come to the RAK Attack instead!)

The World is About to Turn – Three Week Book Discussion begins Thursday, July 15. You may choose to attend one of two options: Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. in the Outdoor Gathering Space or Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Books may be purchased from Chalice Press, Amazon, or your favorite local bookstore. If you are interested in participating in this book discussion, please let Pastor Lori know by emailing her at pastoralassociate@alcws.org.

Augsburg Young Families' Reunion is next Sunday, July 18 from 3:00–5:00 p.m. at Hathaway Park. Bring the kids to play while the parents catch up! Popsicles provided! Email katie@alcws.org for more info.

Remember the upcoming Christ's Beloved Community Food Drive. On Thursday, **July 22**, we will be collecting **breakfast items** from **12:00–4:00 p.m.** in the parking lot on Pilot View. Especially needed are boxes of cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, granola bars, and other non-perishable breakfast items.

We keep you in prayer. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is pastoralassociate@alcws.org.

The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its summer quarter meeting on Wednesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. All requests for financial grants should be directed to the Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, July 14. Agendas will be emailed to members. Please call or email Kris Andrews if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.”

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

Worship attendance for services last week: 93 in person and 71 views on YouTube.

Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist

Abram Richardson

Ushers

(9:00) Lara Carter, Carroll Epting

(6:00) Rick Brant, Jim Crozier

Head Usher

(9:00) Don Eppert

Communion Assistants

(9:00) Karl Florian

(6:00) Jean Dixon or Lisa Crozier

Altar Guild for July

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