# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 10 & 11, 2021 5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

### **AS WE GATHER**

In today's Old Testament Reading, the prophet Amos, though previously a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs, must speak, for the Lord has called him. His word of judgment is only part of the message; in other places, he calls people to choose the Lord and live and also announces a great reversal. It is dangerous being a prophet, as John the Baptist learned in the Holy Gospel. But we know the end of the story: before creation, we were destined to salvation, as we read in the Epistle. Whatever we face, our faith tells us to listen to what the Lord has to say before paying attention to any other voice. "He will speak peace to His people" (Psalm 85:8).

### **PRELUDE**

"Voluntary in C Major"

ed. by Richard Peek

### WELCOME

### **№** PREPARATION **№**

### Please stand

### OPENING HYMN

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
  Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
  Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
  Call for songs of loudest praise.
  While the hope of endless glory
  Fills my heart with joy and love,
  Teach me ever to adore Thee;
  May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
  Hither by Thy help I've come;
  And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
  Safely to arrive at home.
  Jesus sought me when a stranger,
  Wand'ring from the fold of God;
  He, to rescue me from danger,
  Interposed His precious blood.
- Oh, to grace how great a debtor
  Daily I'm constrained to be;
  Let that grace now like a fetter
  Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
  Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
  Prone to leave the God I love.
  Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
  Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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### INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our

sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and

iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly

deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them,

and pray for Your boundless mercy.

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For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

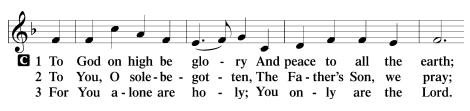
Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and

for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on

them the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed 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

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

### **₩** WORD **₩**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Amos 7:7-15

(Amos boldly speaks for the Lord against Amaziah and Jeroboam.)

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>9</sup> "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

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<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 85

Leader: You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

People: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Leader: You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. **People:** You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

Leader: Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure

toward us.

People: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger

through all generations?

Leader: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

People: Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Leader: I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his

people, his saints-- but let them not return to folly.

People: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may

dwell in our land.

Leader: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each

other.

People: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks

down from heaven.

Leader: The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its

harvest.

People: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3–14

(God made our salvation certain before the creation of the world.)

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14–29

(John the Baptist is martyred)

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

 $^{16}$  But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

<sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **HYMN OF THE WORD**

724 If God Himself Be for Me

- I f God Himself be for me,
  I may a host defy;
  For when I pray, before me
  My foes, confounded, fly.
  If Christ, my head and master,
  Befriend me from above,
  What foe or what disaster
  Can drive me from His love?
- 2 I build on this foundation,
  That Jesus and His blood
  Alone are my salvation,
  My true, eternal good.
  Without Him all that pleases
  Is valueless on earth;
  The gifts I have from Jesus
  Alone have priceless worth.
- 4 He canceled my offenses,
  Delivered me from death;
  He is the Lord who cleanses
  My soul from sin through faith.
  In Him I can be cheerful,
  Courageous on my way;
  In Him I am not fearful
  Of God's great Judgment Day.

- 6 Who clings with resolution
  To Him whom Satan hates
  Must look for persecution;
  For him the burden waits
  Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
  Heaped on his blameless head;
  A thousand plagues and crosses
  Will be his daily bread.
- 10 My heart with joy is springing;
  I am no longer sad.
  My soul is filled with singing;
  Your sunshine makes me glad.
  The sun that cheers my spirit
  Is Jesus Christ, my King;
  The heav'n I shall inherit
  Makes me rejoice and sing.

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# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Sermon notes:

### Please stand

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **OFFERING**

"Salvation Unto Us Has come"

Unknown

### Please stand

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs.

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we

pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

### 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.

### **BENEDICTION**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

- Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
  To His feet your tribute bring;
  Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
  Evermore His praises sing:
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
  To His people in distress;
  Praise Him still the same as ever,
  Slow to chide and swift to bless:
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Glorious in His faithfulness.

- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
  Well our feeble frame He knows;
  In His hand He gently bears us,
  Rescues us from all our foes.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Widely yet His mercy flows.
- Angels, help us to adore Him;
  You behold Him face to face;
  Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
  All who dwell in time and space.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Praise with us the God of grace.

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### **POSTLUDE**

"Renaissance Dance Suite"

T. Susato

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44 Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher: James Marriott

Liturgists: 5:00 p.m. James Marriott

8:30 a.m. Adam Rouse 11:00 a.m. Ellory Glenn

Singer: 5:00 p.m. Mark Petersen

Organist & Accompanist: Ryan Meyer

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Holy Communion is celebrated the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  and  $5^{th}$  Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m., the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m., and the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  and  $5^{th}$  Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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### **Missions**

Chapel of the Cross supports the ministry of the English District and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as well as the Lutheran High School Association. We also assist the following ministries and organizations:

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