

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

A: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

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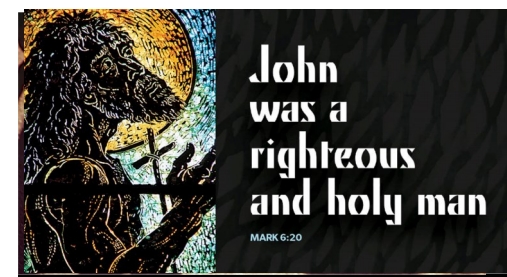
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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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8th Sunday

after Pentecost

**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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMNS

“Surely the Presence” (Words on Screen)

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High” (ELW 867, Sing Twice)

### Chicago Folk Service

“Greeting” (Pg. 4)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.**

“Song of Praise” (Pg. 5)

**Children's Message—Dismissal to Children's Chapel**

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

**First Reading- Amos 7:7-15**

L: A reading from Amos

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the

sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 85:8-13**

L: A reading from Psalm

<sup>8</sup> I 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.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

L: Holy wisdom; Holy Word.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14**

L: A Reading from Ephesians

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able, for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al-Le-Lu-Le, Alleluia (Pg. 6) (Vs. 1&2)**

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> 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.” <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” <sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **SERMON:**

**SAM Marcia Buchs**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY :**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing “- (ELW 807 vs. 1&3)

#### **CREED (Pg. 7)**

#### **Act of Reconciliation (Pg. 9)**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**A: And with you too.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors by turning to the people near you saying, “Peace be with you.”*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end “In Your Mercy” and the congregation will respond “Hear our Prayer”

### **OFFERING “Father I Adore You” by Praise Band**

*Offerings can also be sent by mail or given online. You can send a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church 210 Deerfield Rd Pontiac, IL 61764 or give online at [stpaulpontiac.org](http://stpaulpontiac.org)*

### **“Create in Me” (Pg. 11) (As offering is brought forward)**

### **Offering Prayer (Pg. 12)**

### **MEAL**

*All are welcome at Christ’s table. Communion is distributed in front of the altar by intinction. Please dip the wafer into the lighter colored liquid which is grape juice or the darker liquid which is wine. If you prefer not to receive communion you may come forward with your hands crossed over your chest to receive a blessing or you may remain in your seat.*

### **THANKSGIVING (Pg. 12 - 14)**

### **LORD’S PRAYER (Pg. 14)**

### **Lamb of God (Pg. 16)**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC VIDEO**

“Great are You, Lord” by Casting Crowns

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Pg. 17)**

### **Send Us Forth in Peace (Pg. 18)**

### **BLESSING (Pg. 20)**

### **SENDING HYMN-**

“Blest are They” - (ELW 728, Vs. 1 & 2)