

Old Testament

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, 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, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

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, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might

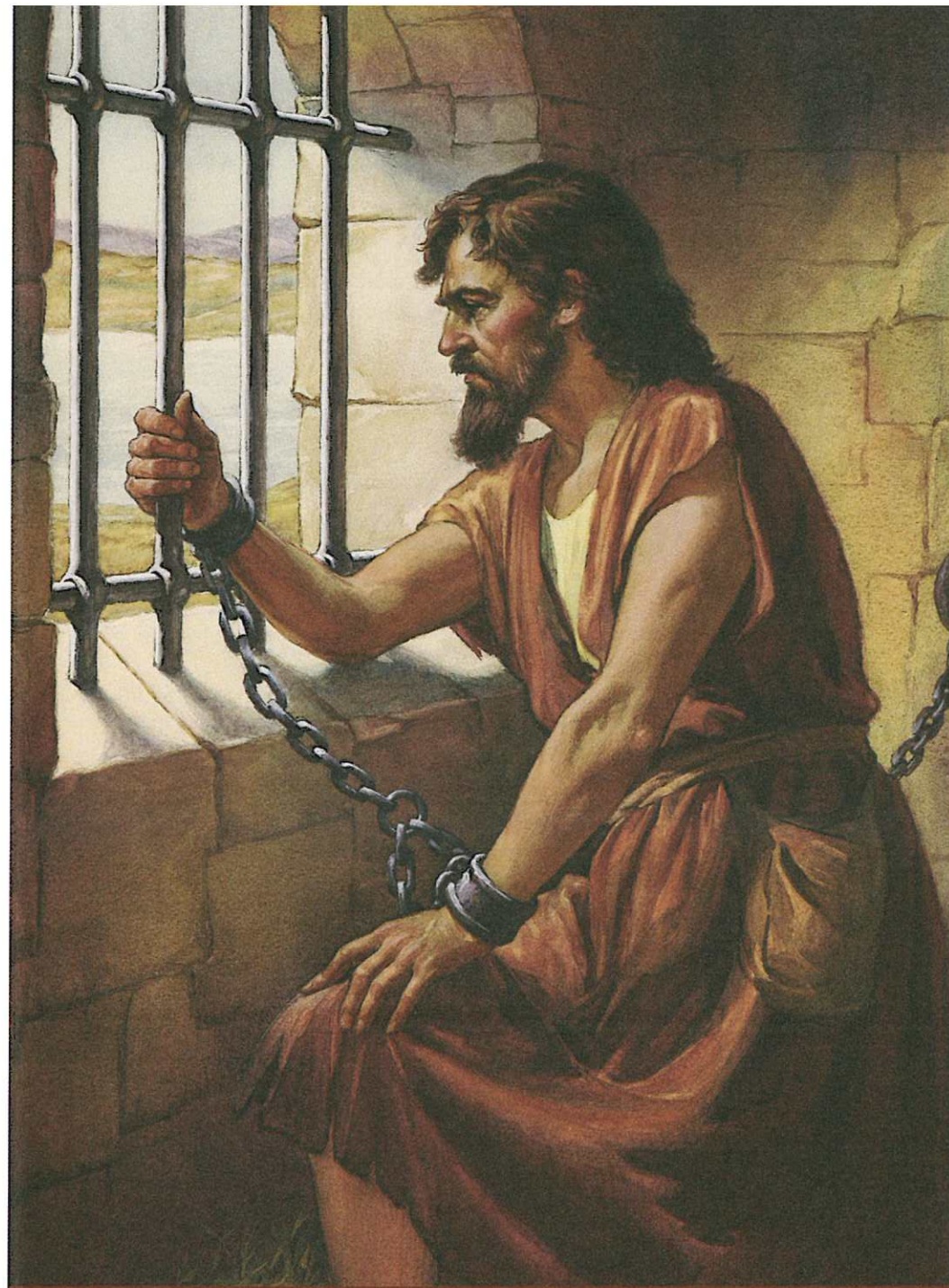
be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's 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 to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.



Herod feared John

Mark 6:20



Pentecost

About the Cover: People seek to be brave and to show no fear. We often seek to hide our fears. We are fearful of others who may have more authority or a more prominent reputation than we have. Like Herod, we, too, have fears, and because of sin, we allow those fears to lead our life. Yet, in spite of all our fears, God promises His faithful love and forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11 & 15, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184
Hymns: 735, 710, 805, 819, 625, 707
Sermon: "He Restores Me!"
Psalm 23:3

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/8 (Sun.): 48 Offering: \$1,550.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00 Scrip Profit 7/8: \$10.25

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/18) 7:00 p.m. – Worship
SUN (7/22) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Todd & Krystal Nenahlo who were united in marriage on Friday (7/13).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Aric & Andrea Grenzer in honor of their Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Steve and Beth Gilbertson.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE – We are looking for a couple people to put together an emergency action plan in case of inclement weather, fire, and security. If you are interested in helping out with this, contact Rick Riemer (920-841-7365) or Bob Behnke (756-3035).

SCRIP NEWS – Culver's gift cards are now available. The cards are \$25.

UPCOMING EVERYONE HIS WITNESS WORKSHOP –

The South Wisconsin District will be holding an *Everyone His Witness* Workshop on August 18th from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. The focus of this evangelism workshop is aimed at providing training and encouragement for Lutherans to share the Gospel with those whom God has placed in their everyday lives. Cost for the workshop is \$14.00 and includes materials and lunch with a registration deadline of August 8th. Further information, including an online registration, is available at <http://swd.lcms.org/every-one-witness/>. Please call the South Wisconsin District at 414.464.8100 if you have any questions.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Amos 7:8 "And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them." One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that's no surprise when we consider how God's activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord's own nature.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – As you pray this week, please remember our District's **Hmong ministry** in Milwaukee, Manitowoc and Oshkosh. Seek the Lord's encouragement and care for **Pastors Faiv Neng Her, Blong Vang, Moua Vang, and Moses Thao** in their ministry and in raising up future leaders.