

## Old Testament

*Amos 7:7-15*

<sup>7</sup>This 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. <sup>8</sup>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; <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 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. <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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But 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*

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

<sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when

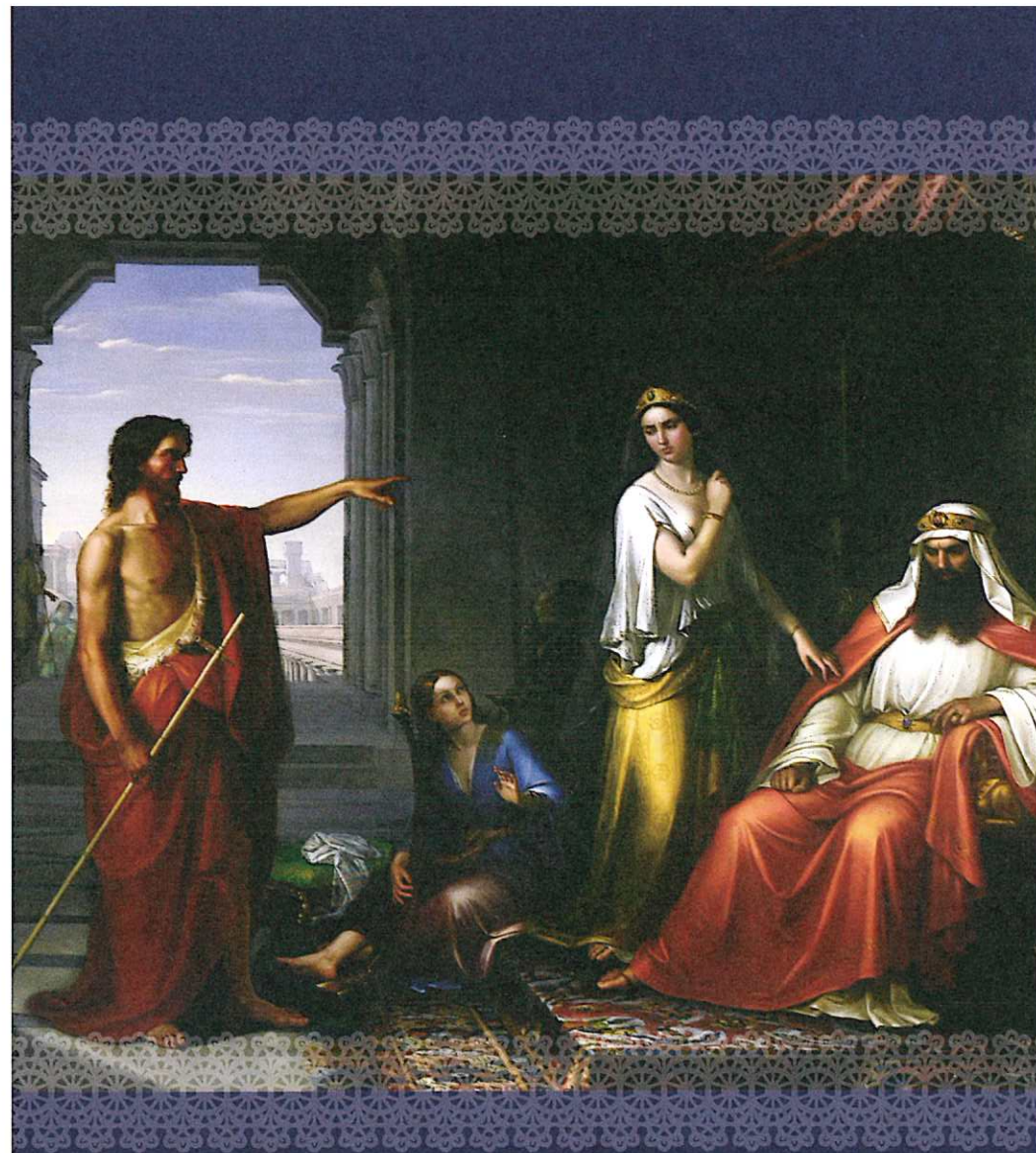
you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:14-29*

<sup>14</sup>King 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." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 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. <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>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for 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.

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



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**About the Cover:** When Jesus begins His public ministry, Herod fears that John the Baptist has been raised. Though Herod had heard John gladly (yet was perplexed), he had put him to death because of a foolish oath and a desired perception in front of his guests. John, however, was the forerunner of Jesus. Jesus, too, died. However, He rose to never die again. Jesus' preaching rings true today as He calls us to repentance and faith in His saving work.



# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7 & 11, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 498, 496, 805, 500  
Sermon: "The Third Article"  
1 Corinthians 12:1-3

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 6/30 (Wed.): 42	Comm.: 37	Offering: \$672.04
Attendance 7/4 (Sun): 36	Comm.: 31	Offering: \$1,965.00
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 7/4: \$34.25
Church Roof Fund: \$1,800.00		

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/14) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
SUN (7/18) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Ron Giese upon the death of his wife, Linda.

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

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Aric & Andrea Grenzer in honor of their anniversary.

**PASTOR ON VACATION** – July 12-19 – If pastoral care is needed, contact Pastor Simek (618-410-9827) or one of the elders.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – *They're Coming Back!* The Garms Family will be with us on Sunday, August 22.

**"RAISE THE ROOF"** – We are over half way to our goal. Consider donating one or a few bundles of shingles. A bundle is \$105. The complete project cost is \$19,300.

**PRODUCE TABLE** – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

**VACATIONING?** *Try Electronic Offering with Joyful Response.* In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. If you are planning any vacations, don't forget your offering. LCEF's *Joyful Response* will help you give automatically directly from your checking or savings account whether you are at home or away.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Matthew 5:24** – "Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." First things first: the Lord won't be bribed by our giving. Our giving must flow forth from a faithful Christian life that receives Christ's forgiveness and freely shares that forgiveness. Or, in other words, a good work isn't a good work if it doesn't flow from faith.

