

Amos 7:7-15 NIV

⁷This 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. ⁸And 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.

⁹"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."

¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying:

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

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

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

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Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV

³Praise 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. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹In 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, ¹²in order that we,

who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

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Mark 6:14-29 NIV

¹⁴King 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."

¹⁵Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

¹⁶But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰because 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.

²¹Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²When 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." ²³And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

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

²⁵At 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."

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

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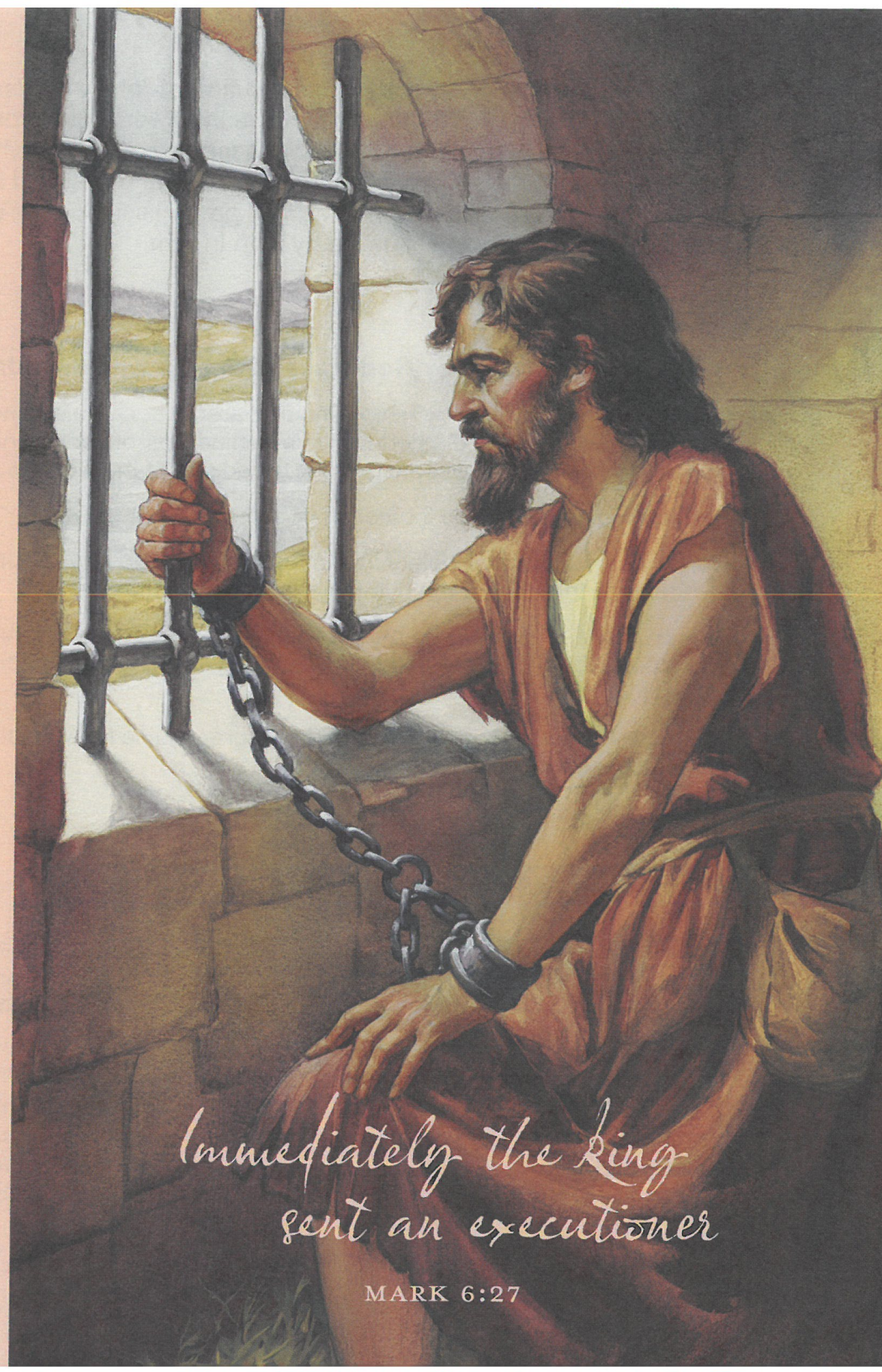
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*Immediately the king
sent an executioner*

MARK 6:27

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace!

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!

CLOSING HYMN #457 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

1 Jesus, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me:

Ah, how long I've panted, And my heart has fainted,
Thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;
I will suffer nought to hide thee,
Nought I ask beside thee.

2 In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.

Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their bitter storms assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Hence, all fears and sadness, For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.

Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

POSTLUDE

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #170 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love - Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.**
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.**
- 5 Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.**
- 6 Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS – (See back cover)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

SERMON

INSTALLATION OF JACK AND SAVANNAH ENGELDER

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(each petition ends) L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

About the Cover: By all appearances, the execution of John the Baptist was a callous decision of people who thought they were in power. But Herod feared the consequences of his execution of John because he had heard what Jesus was doing. John fulfilled his vocation as the forerunner of Christ and alone is the ultimate authority over all life. Christ willingly gave His life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins to grant us life by faith in Him.



Sun Jul 14	11:00am	Tailgate Event: Christmas in July
Tues Jul 16	2:00pm	Women's Book Group
Weds Jul 17	9:00am	Sewing Group
	2:00pm	Prayer Shawl
Sat Jul 20	6:45pm	Annual Growlers Game
Sun Jul 21	10:00am	Pastor Mike's 25 th Anniversary Service & Lunch
	6:00pm	FOJ Picnic in the Park Oshtemo
Tue July 23	7:30pm	Hike with Mike – Meet at Parsonage Rain or Shine

WELCOME to Zion! May God bless your time with us today!

- Children are welcome in worship! Should parents need quiet time for their child, please utilize the Gathering Place behind rear of sanctuary. There you will find comfortable seating and a broadcast of the worship service.
- Baby changing tables are located in both restrooms.
- Our hymnal (Lutheran Book of Worship) has separate pages numbers for the liturgy in the front of the hymnal and the hymns in the back.
- As a baptized Christian who believes in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion and the forgiveness this gift offers, you are invited to join in this sacred meal.
- For those unable to consume alcohol, red grape juice is available in the center cups of the communion trays.

SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: Zion's sanctuary window was dedicated July 16, 1955. It was designed by Dr. A.R. Kretzmann. The window was constructed and assembled by Gianini and Higart of Chicago, Illinois.

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