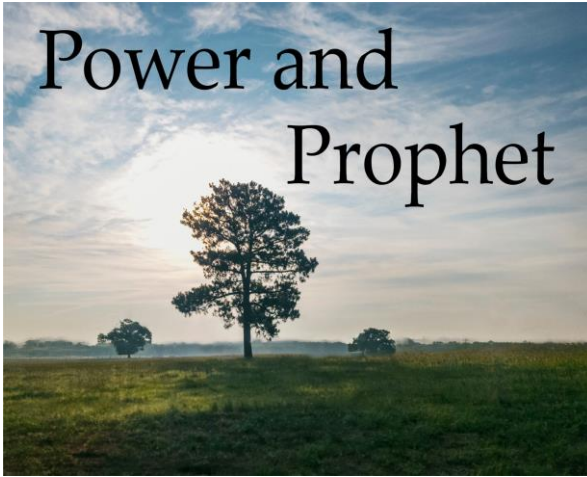


**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 14, 2024**  
**8:00 am**



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

How do we use power? How do we speak truth to power? What do we do when we are both "power" and "prophet"? These are some of the questions raised by the Scripture readings this week. The challenge we face is to exercise the power we have with righteousness and justice and in submission to the higher authority of God's Reign, while holding the powers of our world accountable to God's justice, compassion, hope and good management. May we be confronted by God's truth and power as we worship, and may we be transformed into prophets who use power well and who courageously and faithfully speak truth to power when required. We are called to be "Tender Without Surrender!"

### **WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **OPENING HYMN: LSB 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word we are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and  
fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love  
You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness  
shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth  
unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within  
us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God  
proceeding,

Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our salvation,

While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often, we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

**People: At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in the Joy of Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People: Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, humility, service,**

**and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes.**

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done—He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**INTROIT:** Psalm 85:8-13 antiphon: v. 7

Pastor: I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people,

**People: his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.**

Pastor: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

**People: that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Love and faithfulness meet together;

**People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Pastor: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,

**People: and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

Pastor: The LORD will indeed give what is good,

**People: and our land will yield its harvest.**

Pastor: Righteousness goes before him

**People: and prepares the way for his steps.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

Pastor: Show us your unfailing love, LORD,

**People:** and grant us your salvation.

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sung):** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sung):** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sung):** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sung):** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People (sung):** Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE:** LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—

Sing the greatness of the Lord!

For God my Savior Has shown me favor—

Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessing,

Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy—

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His mercy surely Shall rest securely

On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—

Sing the greatness of the Lord!

The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—

Sing the greatness of the Lord!

Oppression halted; The meek exalted.

Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token, All that was spoken  
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**ALL: Grant, Lord, that the course of this world may be so governed by your direction that your church may rejoice in serving you in godly peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and Reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

**Children's Bible Reading:** Page 270

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

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. 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. "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." 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. 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.'" 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. Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” Amos 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. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

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. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. 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, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And 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, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

## **RESPONSE**

**People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel:** Mark 6:14-29

**People (Sing): Glory to You, O Lord.**

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." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" 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. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So, Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, 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. 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. 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." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the



girl hurried into the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So, he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John’s disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Reader: This Is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:** LSB 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me, Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms 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.  
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.  
God’s great pow’r Guards ev’ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him, Silent bow before Him.
- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice. Hence, all empty glory!

Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me since He deigns to love me.

- 5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear 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,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

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## **THE SERMON**

### **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 | TREASURE BOX**

## **OFFERING HYMN:** LSB 644 The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How  
long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

### **CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 953 We All Believe in One True God

- 1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.
  
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we, Rescued from all misery.
  
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth  
proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us, In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

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## **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,  
strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**