

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

Pastor John Stiles ~ Reader: Lynne Z



PRELUDE *Pastor John*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.

GATHERING HYMN: *DO JUSTICE (Micah 6:8) by Larry Olson & Julie Hennies Clark*

1) Racing around, chasing idols, unfulfilled, empty vessels.
World on the edge, out of control, will we survive, God only knows

Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with our God, with our God.
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2) People broken, falling pieces, dignity lost, loving ceases.
Hopeless eyes, lonely faces, yearning hearts, hurting places.

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3) Deadly hunger, desperate crying, wounded living, children dying.
Nails in the flesh, piercing fear, why can't we see Christ hanging here?

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: *Amos 7:7-17*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 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; 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."

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. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'" Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 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, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 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; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *'O Jesus, I have Promised'*

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GOSPEL READING: *Mark 6:14-29 ~ Glory to you, O Lord*

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

The word of the Lord. ~ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE: *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC: *'I'd Rather Have Jesus'*

Jim Koppen

OFFERING PRAYER: Merciful father...

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions: signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself for us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: In your mercy ~ **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Congregational Choice*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

Website: www.orlcpc.com ~ Phone: 320-629-2985 ~ Office Email: orlcoffice@gmail.com

Sunday (14th)

8am Prayer
9am Worship
10am Adult Bible Study

Monday

Newsletter Articles Due
9am Quilting
5:30pm Children of Joy Board
7:30pm AA

Tuesday

9:30am Joy Circle

Wednesday

7:30am Men's Breakfast

Thursday

8am Sonrisers
1pm Grief Group
1:30pm Hope Circle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR: Join us in the fellowship hall after service for coffee, treats and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking people to help with Vacation Bible School! Station and Crew leaders needed. July 29- Aug 1 from 9:30-11 AM. Connect with Leigha if you are willing to help out during this fun week for our youth!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars for this summer's Vacation Bible School with the McAvoy Family! Dates: July 29-Aug 1 ~ 9-11:30am ~ Age 3-5th grade. Sign-up is now open and can be found on the Church website under the Faith Formation tab or paper copy registration is available in the narthex.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: July 21 & August 18th!! Join Kathy & Lori after the Children's Message on these days for some Sunday School FUN! Stories, songs, snack & activities!

PLACTIC BAG UPDATE: We are well on our way to the next bench! We should have it by November. Thank you to all those who continue to bring in bags and to our volunteers who help collect and drop off our donations.

PARABLES OF JESUS: Who doesn't love a good story? The Bible is full of stories of faith, hope, triumph and despair. What stories have meant the most to you and inspired you to have faith in our own times? I hope you'll join us this Summer for a Bible study series on the Parables of Jesus, who often told simple stories with hidden truths to teach his followers the way toward abundant life. The parables of Jesus help us make sense of our faith and life each day. Come and explore them on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room, after worship, from 10:00-11:00AM.

FAVORITE HYMN: Have a favorite hymn you would like to sing? Paper and pens are available on the bulletin table, write your song down and place it in the jar. Each week Pastor John will choose a song to close our service with.

PARKING LOT FUNRAISER: We continue to raise funds to pay down our parking lot loan. Please consider making a donation and mark it: parking lot fund. Any amount helps! Thank you to all those who have made generous donations thus far.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by...

- ❖ Glenna Reiersen in honor of her grandson Brady's 18th birthday.
- ❖ Also in honor of Ann & Lyndon Hagestuen's as well as Bill & Shirl's Woischke's wedding anniversaries.

Note: When taking your flowers from the altar please do so by taking the vase around to the back side of the altar space. Remove the flowers from the plastic insert and place the stems in bags we have there for your convenience.

RADIO SPONSOR: Jim & Kandi Koppen

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: Collection drop off: 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

GREEN TIP: July 14

"He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts." –Mark 6:8.

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples to live simply as they spread the Good News. Just like the first disciples, we are asked to live simply too. This week, challenge yourself to live with fewer disposable items, cut down on your waste, and choose reusable items. Instead of using plastic wrap, use beeswax wraps or other reusable

substitutes. Use cloth grocery bags and mesh vegetable bags instead of the single use plastic ones at the store. If you haven't already, commit to using a reusable coffee cup and metal straws.

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PRAYER TEAM: July 14

The apostle Paul included blessings and prayers in his letters to the churches of his day. We will use these prayers for ourselves, our families, friends and church. Paul began many letters with this blessing. Bless yourself and others daily.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer from Ephesians 1:17-19, 6:10-12.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

ORLC PRAYER LIST: *Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.*

TO PRAY FOR:

Shelia S, Ruthie B, Keith G, Jerry S, Jack K, Ken H, Tonia J, Norman S, Gail M, Jon R, Jeneice C, John A, Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

IN SYMPATHY: for the family of Jeneice Carter as they mourn the passing of Berneta, her mother.

Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.