



**July 14, 2024**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 15**

*Walk With Us As Disciples of Christ!*

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*WALK WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!*

*Welcome!*

We welcome all who worship this Lord's Day! We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. As we can be helpful to you, we look forward to doing so. If you would like the pastor to contact you, please mark that on the Record of Fellowship or call the church office.

We ask that the Record of Fellowship be filled out (members and visitors) so that we will have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

We Remember in Prayer

***(Please call the church office to remove anyone from the prayer lists.)***

## **Our Members:**

**Inez Sladek, Elaine Oser, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kent Safarik, Pr. Michael Domenech.**

## **Our Shut Ins:**

**Dorothy Grimm, Grace Bulgerin, Lydia Dowling, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Joanne Rummel, Lomis Weber, Carol Lantzsch, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson, Ella Kuhl.**

## **Our family, friends, and loved ones:**

**Dora Brittian, Charlotte Vrana, Ryan Richey, Randell Duelm, Karter Selby, Alma Russell, Rachel Maloy, Tori Harris and baby, Andrea Carrizales, Melissa Balderas, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Kelly Clines Thompson, Rob Randig, Laurie Kirven, Gayla Lantzsch, Fred Bittner, Tommy Harrison, Rhonda Aikey, Walter Moldenhauer, Sandra Milburn.**

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**WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

*When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

**GATHERING SONG**

"Oh, Sing to the Lord"

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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.**

## Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on  
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

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.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15**

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: 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,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<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 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. <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, earn your 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 Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<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>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on 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>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>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.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 6:14-29**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] 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." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It 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 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. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling 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 kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Congregation

**Children's message**

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Take My Life, That I May Be"

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With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**CREED**

***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 INTERCESSION**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.  
*A brief silence.*

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, comfort to the dying and all who are ill (*especially*) In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities and nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries: for Cheryl Kruckemeyer our missionary in Tanzania, for Jaime and Kelly in East Asia, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at St. John Lutheran church in Richland, Texas & Danevang Lutheran Church in Danevang, Texas. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you send out your people to make disciples of all nations, to baptize, and to teach the faith. We pray for this work throughout the Texas District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Bless and prosper the work of our District staff as they support your mission: Bryce Formwalt, Alyssa Moore, and Doris Engelhardt. Today we also pray for Abiding Word in Brenham, Texas and their pastor, Cody Mills. By your Holy Spirit, give them the strength of faith to answer your call to make disciples.

In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you**  
Amen

### Canticle of Thanksgiving

*Refrain*



Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -  
ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O  
God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O  
Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and  
*Refrain*  
sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our  
God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.  
2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and  
bless - ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love,  
 we give thanks to you  
 that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.  
 Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,  
 and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

#### THE 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.**

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG

"We Are Marching in the Light"

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>TODAY</b>			<b>Jul 14</b>
	10:00	-	Worship Service - Sanctuary
	11:00	-	Brunch and Adult Education
	12:15	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM
<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>Jul 15</b>
	6:00	-	Scouts
<b>TUESDAY</b>			<b>Jul 16</b>
	1:30	-	LCMC Pastors Text Study
	7:00	-	Council Mtg -St Paul House
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>Jul 17</b>
	9:30	-	Folding Bulletins
	1:30	-	Prayer Time
<b>THURSDAY</b>			<b>Jul 18</b>
			<i>No Scheduled Activities</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>			<b>Jul 19</b>
			<i>No Scheduled Activities/Church Office Closed</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>			<b>Jul 20</b>
			Newsletter Articles Due
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>			<b>Jul 21</b>
	10:00	-	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:00	-	Brunch and Adult Education
	12:15	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM

**Announcement**

LCMC Texas District  
**2024 Annual Gathering**



**July 26 - 27, 2024**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Kerrville, Texas

[lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering)




**You are invited to join us in Kerrville on July 26-27, 2024!**

**Serving Today**

**Council Ushers:** Rhonda Ochoa, Loren Dittmeyer  
**Reader:** George Matthys  
**Acolytes:** Ben Gregory  
**Altar Flowers:** Open

**Serving July 21**

**Council Ushers:** Steve Morgan, Carmen McCleery  
**Reader:** Steve Morgan  
**Acolytes:** Sunny Paulsen, Payton Burrow  
**Altar Flowers:** Open