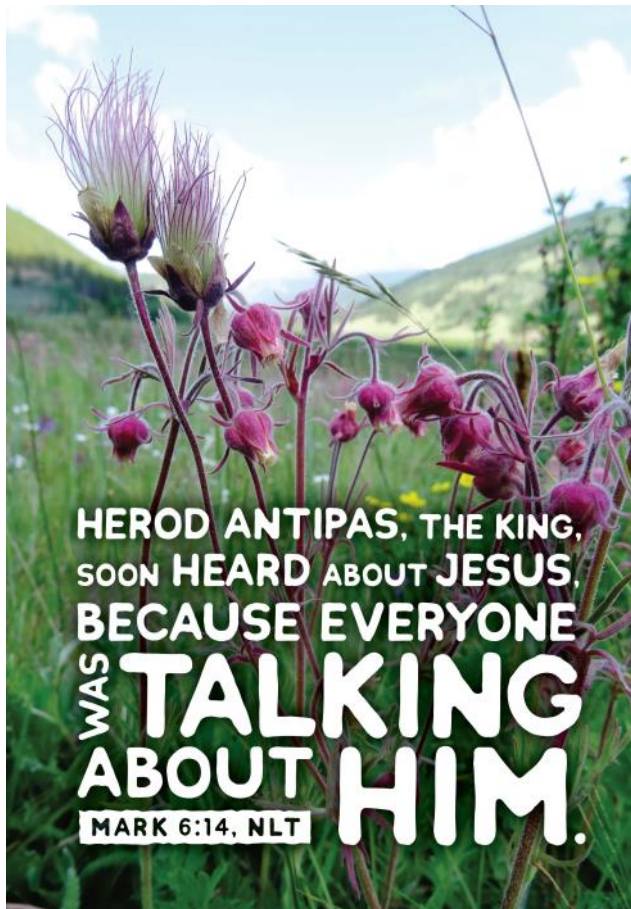

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

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.



First Lutheran Church

Tiffin, Ohio

July 14, 2024

***"The 8th Sunday after
Pentecost"***

PRELUDE

ST. THOMAS

Matthew H. Corl

Three Hymn Improvisations for Organ

I. Let Justice Flow like Streams

Please stand.

THE OPENING



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE CONFESSION

L: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

C: God is among us!

L: Together we are called:

C: To go out!

L: We are called:

C: To care for all!

L: We are called:

C: To proclaim the gospel!

L: We are called:

C: To forgive and reconcile!

L: We are called:

C: To trust God for all that we need!

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart.

A time of silence and reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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: Hear the Good News! God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May the Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

THE PSALMODY

Introduction

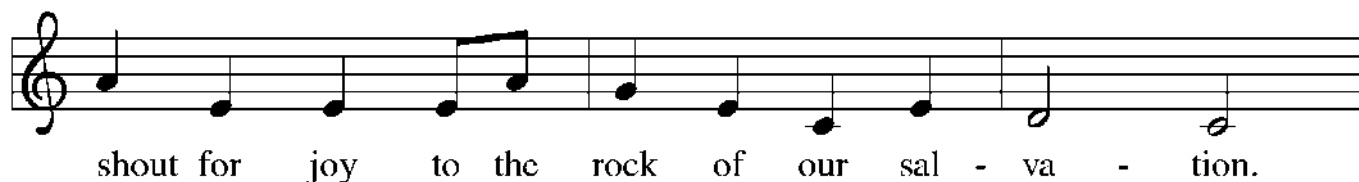
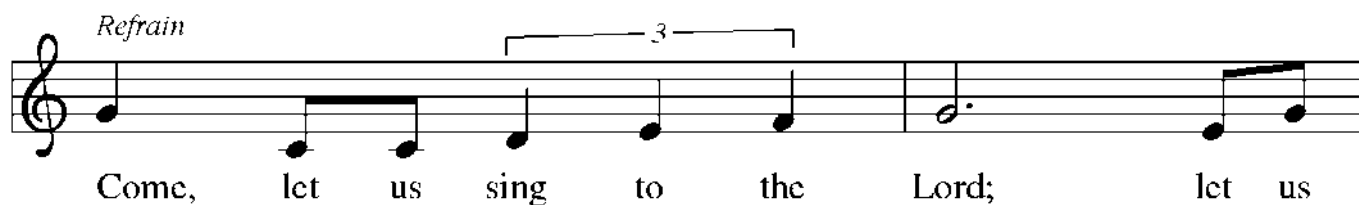


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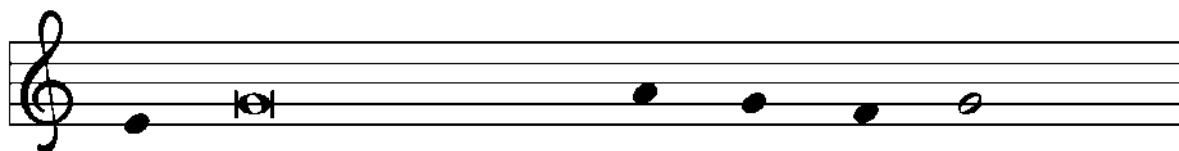


Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

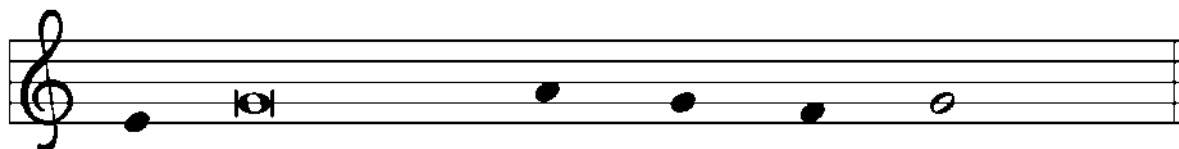
Verses will be sung by our Cantor.



Final response:



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

THE GREETING

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

C: **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM AMOS

7:7-15

R: A reading from Amos the 7th chapter.

⁷This 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. ⁸And 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;⁹the 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."¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

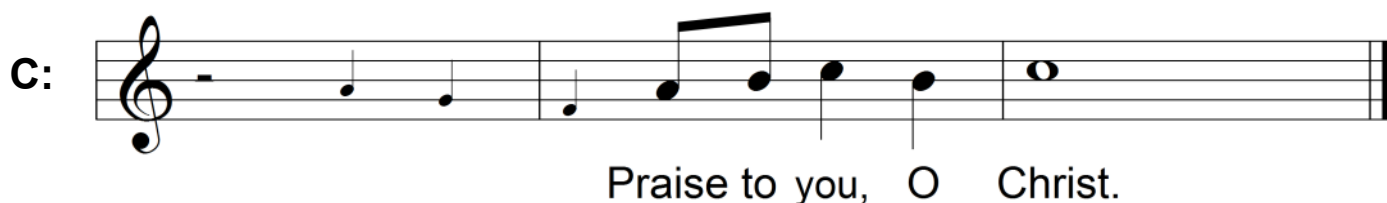
1:3-14

R: A reading from Ephesians the 1st chapter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the

P: ¹⁴King 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." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for 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. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When 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." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately 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." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY **# 717**

LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

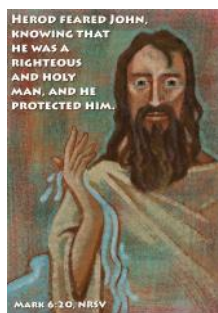


en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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Please stand.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

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BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

MEDITATION & OFFERING

Henry Kihlken

Baroque Suite for Organ

V. Aria

OFFERING HYMN

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BY ALL YOUR SAINTS



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest, your
2 We praise you for the Bapt - ist, fore - run - ner of the Word, our
3 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throng who
4 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son, and



ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed! For
true El - i - jah, mak - ing a high - way for the Lord. The
wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease-less song for
sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One, till



you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown and
last and great - est proph - et, he saw the dawn-ing ray of
these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new and,
all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne, and



share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
light that grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

You are invited to kneel, or remain seated as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray.

L: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you:

For the sustaining goodness of your creation...

For the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...

For the gifts of relationship with others...

For the communion of faith in your church...

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray:

For those who govern nations of the world...

For the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...

For all who work for peace and international harmony...

For all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...

For the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity, In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

THE BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



A - men

Please stand.

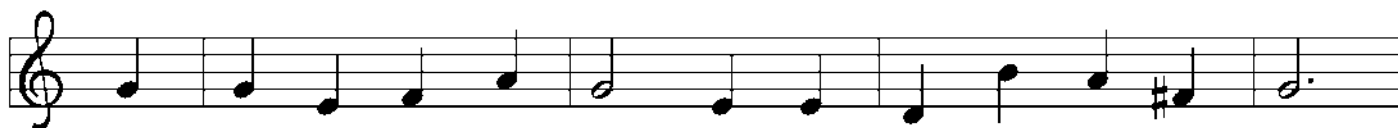
SENDING SONG

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LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace!

L: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

LANCASHIRE

Michael Helman

Three Festive Hymn Settings

I. Lead On, O King Eternal!

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor: Jayce Porter

Host: Judy Kimmel

Slideshow operator: Nominee Family

Facebook: Nominee Family

Reader: Melissa Chester

Worship Assistant: Melissa Chester

Guest Pastor: Rev. David Westpahl



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This Week's Calendar

Sunday July 14
10:00 am Worship on The 8th Sunday
of Pentecost

Monday July 15
1:30 pm Bookworms

Next Sunday July 21
10:00 pm Worship on The 9th Sunday
of Pentecost

Announcements For the Week

The West Ohio Food Bank will be here



**Thursday, July 25th
Distributing begins at 1p.m.**

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

Handicap Parking

The handicap parking on the south side of the building have deteriorated making it difficult for members using walkers and wheelchairs to enter the building. We have a very generous church member who is willing to donate \$5,000.00 towards the project. We would like to challenge the congregation to match the donated funds. Cost for the south side is \$7,800 to repave all away across the driveway and \$4,536.00 to pave halfway across the drive. The handicap parking spots on the North side of the building are uneven. There are spots that are sinking, causing unsafe walking conditions. The cost for this project is \$6,875.00

Anyone interested in making a donation may contact the office or place it in the offering plate

Today We Welcome



Today we welcome
Rev. David Westphal as he leads us
in worship. Thank you for being with
us this Sunday!

National Youth Gathering

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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TO BE MYLE
the table Young Adult Gathering

This week Pastor and Wendy will be in New Orleans where they are serving as Volunteers for the National Youth Gathering. Council approved this as a great way for First Lutheran to be a part of the Gathering in the absence of our youth attending. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and share this experience with the greater church.

If there is a "pastoral emergency", please contact
Pastor Karsten at Trinity UCC.
(608)807-9268

Congregational Chat

A congregational meeting has been called to discuss approving monies needed for replacing the Fellowship Hall roof, pavement of the parking lot and fixing of the air conditioner on July 28, at 11:15 a.m. after worship.



Cookies

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Many Thanks



Notes of **THANKS**

We would like to thank Jayce Porter, our Cantor, for sharing his wonderful talent with us. It's his last Sunday with us.



Our Mission Statement

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