

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Ill/Hospitalized: **Judy Wilson**

✠Birthday: **Shirley Stresman** - 89 on July 11th
Beverly Schafer - 83 on July 12th
Evelyn Forrest - 87 on July 13th
Marilyn Ludgin - 85 on July 14th

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship until 11:00 a.m.

Monday: Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Office Conference)

Tuesday: GriefShare 10:30 a.m. (Church Conference)

Wednesday: Building Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Divine Service 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: *Nineth Sunday after Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship until 11:00 a.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Richard E. Mundt*
Liturgist: *Rev. Martin J. Hagenow*
Organist: *Mrs. Heidi Stecker*
Instrumentalist: *Gabe Krish*
Acolytes: *Kaeden Watson (6:30pm)*
Brody Curnutt (9:30am)
Videographer: *Sheila Bauer*

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“Prophets, Priests, and Kings”

July 11 & 14, 2024

† Eighth Sunday after Pentecost †

Introit *Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,*

for in | you I trust.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

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Collect of the Day

☞ Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 7:7-15*

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, 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,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Epistle *Ephesians 1:3-14*

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, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel *Mark 6:14-29*

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter 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 to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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☞ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL

☞ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

☞ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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SERMON

Text: Amos 7:10-15

Theme: **"Prophets, Priests, and Kings"**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☞ Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ **Hear our prayer.**

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