

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

+++++

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Four pg. 203 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#686

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-15 (ESV)

The LORD gives his prophet a vision of a plumb line running down beside a wall. The preaching of His Word will reveal that Judah's ways are crooked and they need to repent.

This is what he showed me: behold, 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, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 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. 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 143

L: For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!* In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

C: Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my pleas for | mercy!* In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

L: Enter not into judgment with your | servant,* for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

C: Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,* for in | you I trust.

**All: 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.**

L: For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!* In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

Paul reminds the Ephesians that it was God who chose them before creation to be His children by faith. That faith came into being as they heard the good news of Christ proclaimed.

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In 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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“These Things are Written”

GOSPEL READING**Mark 6:14-29** (ESV)*Jesus is mistaken for the ghost of John the Baptist. John had been wrongfully executed at the hands of a corrupt and spineless King Herod.***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the sixth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

King 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." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 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. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for 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. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For 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." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And 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." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.****APOSTLES' CREED****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****Rachel Saunders****HYMN OF THE DAY*****"One Thing's Needful"*****#536 vs 1, 3-5****SERMON****OFFERING****OFFERTORY*****"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*****#806****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****LORD'S PRAYER****BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN*****"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"*****#917****ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rev Dan Barbey, St Peter Lutheran Church & School, Hampton

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:**For Derek Eastman and Katie Goesch**, united in marriage on Saturday**Dealing with an illness:** Loyola Dvorak, Sharron Owens, Pauline Bulgrin, Pat Koch, Woody Ziegler,

Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele,

Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks,

Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Karen Clausen, Merle Schmieding**Declining Health:** Alan Strauch, LaVern Stuhr**St. Paul Lutheran Church: 1100 D Street, Utica, Nebraska 402-534-2200 (phone); School:402-534-2121****Pastor:** Rev. Jon Dunbar; 402-641-4813**Visitation Pastor:** Rev. Terry Groth; 402-641-0991**Principal:** Mr. Bob Brauer; 402-534-3406**DCE:** Brittany Fulcer; 414-292-8069

In Response to God's Love

July 4: Total Attendance: 103 Online: 64

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(07-11-21) Acolyte: Kristi Corner **Lay Reader:** Gene Schlechte **Organist:** Pat Koch

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (07-11)	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Movie Night Youth Ministry
	7:00 PM	Card Social
MONDAY (07-12)	-----	
TUESDAY (07-13)	1:30 PM	LWML
WEDNESDAY (07-14)		
THURSDAY (07-15)	-----	
FRIDAY (07-16)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (07-17)	-----	
SUNDAY (07-18)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Youth Gathering Meeting

As of 07.07.21	Amount received 07-04-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$11,857.00		\$309,182.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
Total	\$11,857.00	\$18,641.00	\$332,318.00	\$414,521.00	-\$82,203.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$300.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,980.00
Teacherage Fund	\$75.00		\$525.00	Teacherage Fund	\$600.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,601.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$130.00	\$77.00	\$4,385.00	\$4,231.00	\$154.00

Current Operating Note: \$60,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

SCHOOL CLEANING Monday, July 26, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM has been scheduled for school cleaning. All school families are asked to spend an hour or two "spring cleaning" the school in preparation for the upcoming school year. Everyone is invited and welcome. If you have an itch to clean, and you would like to help out, please plan on spending some time with us at school cleaning on July 26. Buckets, rags, ladders, and cleaning supplies will be provided; we just need helpers as many hands make the work go quickly and much more pleasantly. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for their loving support by kind words, cards, well wishes, and gifts they gave me as I celebrated 25 years of cooking school lunches. May God continue to bless you all richly. Love in Christ,
Barb Erks

***Emmanuel Lutheran Church LWML Ice Cream Social, Thursday July 15, 2021 5:30 pm to 8 pm
9th and Beaver York NE Freewill donation with proceeds going to Camp Luther***

The Staehr-Stahr-Wellman Reunion will be on **Sunday, August 1st, starting at noon**, in the St. Paul Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Staehr.

This Sunday we are having a movie night! Join us as we watch Princess Bride in the gym tonight at 6 pm. Bring a chair, blanket, etc to watch with us in the gym. Everyone is welcome!

Next **Sunday, July 18th at 6 pm** we will be having a meeting about the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2022. All youth between the ages of 13-19 are eligible to attend the Youth Gathering. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about this event! Contact Brittany with any questions.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank those of you who volunteered to sit in the fair booth. Unfortunately, we did not have enough responses to fill many time slots, so we will not be having a booth this year. Blessings the Outreach Committee

Need for Volunteers for the Welcome Center and Greeter beginning in August.

Please contact Sandy Schlechte e-mail: sandyschlechte@hotmail.com

phone: 402-366-0074 or text 402-728-5306

The Ladies Aid again is serving lunches for funerals. A shout out of "thank you" to all who help with the funerals, setting up tables and chairs, and furnishing cakes and/or salads. Without your support, the aid would not be able to provide this service for the congregation.

Funeral committee: Donneta Schmieding, Carol Erks and Erma Naber

We will once again have the card social in the fellowship hall this evening at 7:00 after a long delay because of Covid. All ages are welcome. You may bring a snack to share.

If you would like to receive the grapevine by paper or email please contact the church office @ secretary@stpaulutica.com or 402-534-2200.

Garage Sale at Utica St. Patrick's during Utica Heritage Days July 23 from 8 to 6 & July 24 from 8 to Noon. Other garage sales in the community at this same time.

The Utica Area Lions are again selling Colorado peaches and pears. They are \$40 for a 20# box of peaches and \$30 for a 20# box of pears. You may order half boxes. Please contact a Utica Lions member or one of the following: Sandi -- 402-534-4791 or Ardee 402-534-2281. Orders will be taken until July 23. If you get an answering machine, be sure to leave your name and phone number.