

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14th, 2024 – 8:30 AM

WELCOME



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.

- † Preacher – Reverend Wes Smith
- † Officiant – Pr. Brian Griswold
- † Worship Leader – Earl Hem

WORSHIP

HYMN: In The Secret

In the secret, in the quiet place, in my deepest heart I know
In the stillness, in the quiet hour I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

Chorus

I am reaching for the highest goal, that I might receive the prize
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more

Chorus

Je - sus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Je - sus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Your name

Chorus:

I want to know You,
I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You,
I want to see Your face
I want to know You more

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HYMN: Everything is in Your Hands

Chorus

My past and my present and things yet to come
My days are in your hands each and everyone
I know you can handle any challenge that I face
You promised you'd be there every step that I take

Chorus

There is nothing to big that you aren't bigger
Remind us again Lord that you are in control
We know you can handle any challenge that we face
You promised you'd be there every step that we take. **Chorus**

Chorus:

Everything is in your hands
Everything is in your hands
Everything is in your hands oh God

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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.

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

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.'"

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 85: 8 - 13

⁸I 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.

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

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

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

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**



HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Church at Ephesians Chapter 1, verses 3 – 6, 15 - 18;
Glory to You, O Lord!

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 world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – The Reverend Wes Smith

“Blessed! Chosen! Destined! Called!”

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and serve your people. Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with others around us, sharing your love and truth. Bless these offerings that they may support ministries and missions that reach out to those in need. And empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, shining your light wherever we go. **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN: ELW# 638 – Blessed Assurance

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| 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. | 2. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. |
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Chorus

Chorus

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long,
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† At this time, we also recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests you may have submitted for our worship.

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. 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, and comfort to the dying. We especially remember, those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* 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. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: Great Are Your Works

- 1) Your works Lord (Your works Lord)
Are Awesome (Are Awesome)
Your Power (Your Power), Is Great (x2)

Chorus

- 2) You will Reign (You will Reign)
Forever (Forever)
In Power (In Power), You will Reign (x2)

Chorus

- 3) Because of (Because of)
Your Greatness (Your Greatness)
All the Earth (All the Earth) Will Sing (x2)

Chorus

Chorus:

Great are Your Works Lord,
Great are Your Deeds,
Awesome in Power, So Awesome to Me

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Dismissal: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**



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