

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11th, 2021

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude – sung by Melissa Street

(piano)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you by placing a hand on your chest and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

If you are online, you may share the peace in our comment section.

Call to Worship – "Forever"

(piano)

**1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.**

**2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!**

Refrain: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever.

**3. From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! Refrain**

Ending: And ever, forever.

Kyrie

(ELW Setting 3)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LBW 320, vv. 1, 3, 4, & 6 (*organ*)

- 1 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 3 **Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 6 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!**

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Reader: Nichole Licht

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.’”

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon – “The Plumb Line”

Song of Day – “Christ, Be Our Light”

(piano)

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Refrain**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. Refrain**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Stewardship Time

Take time to reflect on how you have been called to be a good steward through giving, serving, and loving. How can you give at this time to those in need? How can you serve by helping others or reaching out in your own home and community? How can you show God’s love? If you would like to support our ministry, you may mail a check or give on our website (www.faithlutheranjacksonville.com).

*sung by Melissa Street
(piano)*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Communion Songs

“You Are the Light of the World” *(piano)*

**1. You are the light of the world, you are the light of the world,
So shine, shine, shine where you are, you are the light of the world.**

**2. You are city on a hill, you are a city on a hill,
So shine, shine, shine where you are, you are a city on a hill.**

**3. You are a candle in the dark, you are a candle in the dark,
So shine, shine, shine where you are, you are a candle in the dark.**

**4. You are a star in the night, you are a star in the night,
So shine, shine, shine where you are, you are a star in the night.**

**5. You are the salt of the earth, you are the salt of the earth.
So shine, shine, shine where you are, you are the salt of the earth.**

Repeat verse 1

“For All Your Saints, O Lord” LBW 176 (organ)

- 1 **For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.**
- 2 **For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.**
- 3 **They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit’s breath to suffer and to do.**
- 4 **For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.**
- 5 **To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.**

Post-Communion Blessing and the Benediction

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song – “Faith of Our Fathers” LBW 500 (organ)

- 1 **Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

- 2 **The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain***
- 3 **Faith of our mothers, loving faith, fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove source of a finer, nobler race:**

Faith of our mothers, living faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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