# LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



# Season after Pentecost July 11, 2021

## Peace Lutheran Church



### West Seattle, Washington

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.

# + GATHERING +

#### PRELUDE

When Love Is Found

James Jelasic, Piano

WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW #697 refrain, vs 1, refrain



#### **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- 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.
- P Let us pray together:
- C 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.

# + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

This 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. <sup>8</sup>And 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; <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>Then 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. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

#### Scott Sunde

King 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." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

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

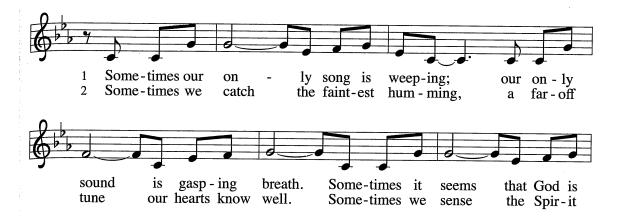
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### SERMON

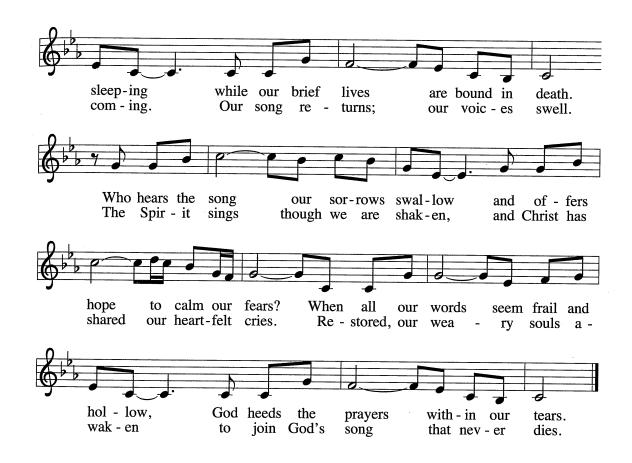
HYMN OF THE DAY Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping



ACS #1050

Pastor Erik Kindem

Family Camp



#### PRAYERS

Paul Bliss

- A Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *Petitions are offered that end with*:
  - A Lord, in your mercy,
  - C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

- A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
- C Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Time to share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern.

#### **OFFERING**

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#### **OFFERTORY**

#### For the Fruit of All Creation

**ELW #679** TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- L Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# + SENDING +

#### BLESSING

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN

#### God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW #771





we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



fac - ing us with life's de - struc-tion or our most tri - um-phant hour. great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

- P Go in peace, You are the body of Christ
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel



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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND WORD IN SEASON</u> for July, August, September are now available. If you would like one, you can come to the church to pick it up, or you can contact Kathleen in the church office, and she will mail it to you. <u>WELCA!! WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT PEACE</u> We will meet again for real in person!! All women welcome. <u>Wednesday, July 21, at noon</u>, Peace fellowship hall If you are unvaccinated, plan to wear a mask. Check Peace Notes for more details.

**<u>PATIO MEET-UPS</u>** Ping pong, sidewalk chalk, campfire, stories, outdoor games, and friends. Join other Peace families, all ages, on the patio for an opportunity to play and talk. I have chosen different days and times each week as a way to fit it into different summer schedules.

Sunday, July 11, 11am-noon Thursday, July 22, 10am-noon Friday, July 16, 7-9pm Sunday, July 25, 7-9pm

### **RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME**

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and

mission of our congregation.

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