

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service**



...because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. Mark 6:20a

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service – Setting Two

July 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

A We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

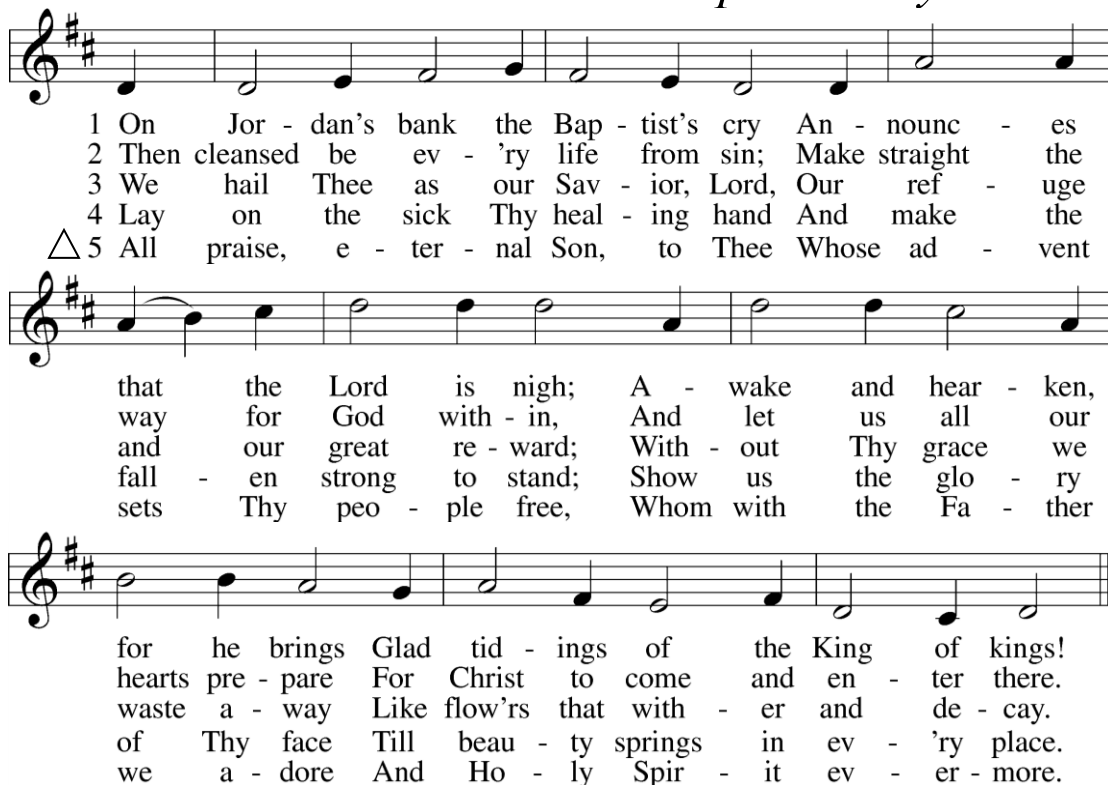
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

Opening Hymn

LSB 344 sts.1-5

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent
that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther
for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167

A If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

A Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

[A] In the mercy of almighty *LSB 167*
God, Jesus Christ was given to
die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our
sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He
gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the
Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it
to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[C] Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 168*

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

[A] For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve 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!

[A] Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

☐ For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Kyrie

LSB 168

☐ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mercy.

☐ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mercy.

☐ 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.

☐ Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD asked me, “What do you see, Amos?”

“A plumb line,” I replied.

Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 9 “The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.”

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

11 For this is what Amos is saying:

“Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.”

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there.

13 Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

14 Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. 15 But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rom. 11:33, 36

Ⓐ Ⓒ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made

known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 913 sts. 1-3

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,

Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love

us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.

That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

A The Holy Gospel according to St.
Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of music in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature 'C'. It contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.'.

14 King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." 15 Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

16 But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!” 17 For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, whom he had married. 18 For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, 20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. 21 Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22 When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” 23 And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

24 She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

25 At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

26 The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, 28 and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. 29 On hearing of this, John’s disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 667 sts. 1-5

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.

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Sermon **“God at Arm’s Length”** **Pastor Tom Rhodes** (*on screen*)

Stand

Apostles’ Creed *LSB 175*

**☐ A ☐ C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

[A] Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

[A] O almighty and eternal God, in the face of opposition You call Your Church to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Give us courage like St. John the Baptist to own the

proclamation of Your whole counsel of salvation to a dying world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord of the Church, we commend to You all ministers of Your Word. Make them zealous and faithful, that through their service Your Kingdom would grow. Send the Holy Spirit upon all who hear them to turn hearts to embrace Your gift of love and live that gift daily. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, in the waters of Baptism You severed Your people from any obligation to the old nature, sealed us with Your Spirit of promise and blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Grant that we may live our lives, not at arm's length from You, but rather as people brought back from the dead to the praise of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Kind Master, You are near to all who are sick, to all who suffer, to all in grief and pain. Have mercy on those who carry heavy burdens, and especially those we have been asked to remember before You on our prayer list and cards. May they know Your embrace, look to You for relief and peace, and wait in hope for our final healing of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in great power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Offering

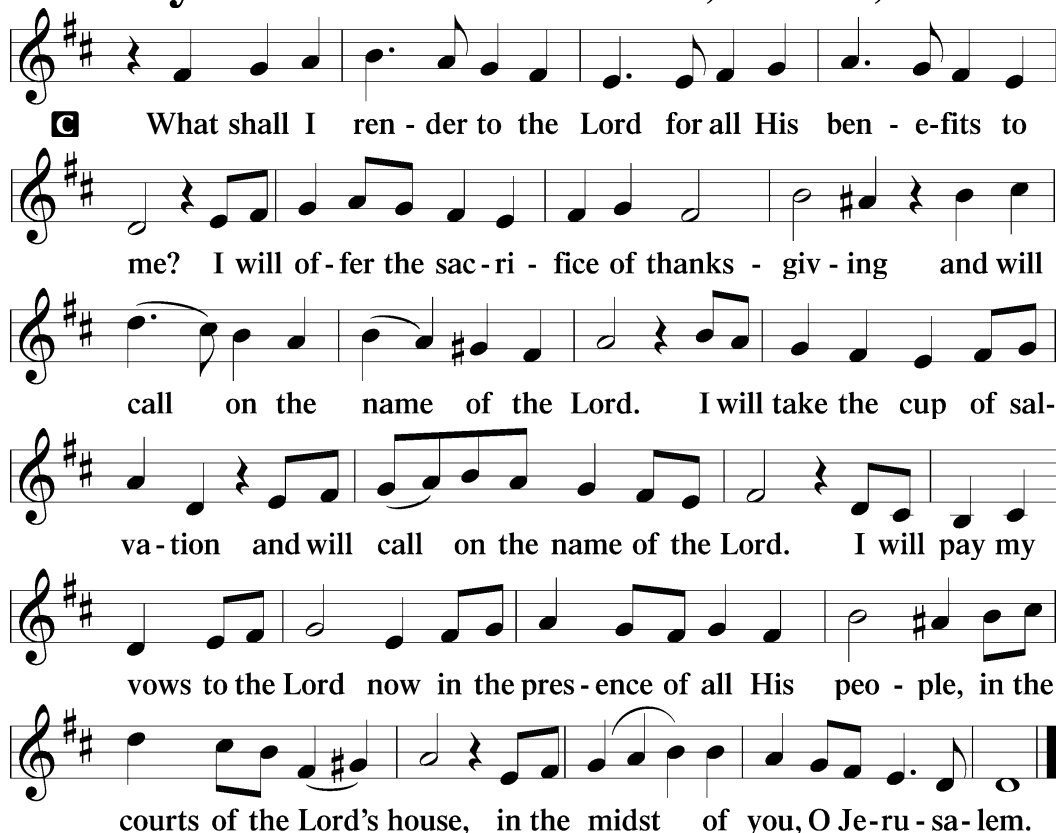
LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit.

(This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179

A Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183

A The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be

gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 732 sts. 1-2, 5-6

“All Depends on Our Possessing”



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y

grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly

not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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