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**“Bringing God’s Love to the World in
Worship, Witness, and Service.”**

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

Today's liturgy uses Setting Eight (p.184-192) of
the Red hymnal

Gathering

Prelude: *"God Bless Our Native Land"* by: Held

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *"Before You, Lord, We Bow"*
#893

Greeting

Kyrie (p.184)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: 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

Children's Message

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.’”

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-14

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. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Acclamation (p.188)

Gospel:

Mark 6:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

Sermon

The Rev. Gretchen Anderson

Hymn of the Day:

"This is My Song"
#887

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Meal

Offertory:

"Hymn of Promise"

Sleeth, arr. L. Larson

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p.190)

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

The table of Christ is open to all who believe. You are welcome to come to this meal. We believe that the risen Christ meets us here in person to offer us forgiveness and strength to live our lives of faith. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available; just ask the servers. Please take a moment to fill out our communication card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Lamb of God (p.191)

Communion Hymns:

***“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* #674**

***“Let Us Break Bread Together”* #471**

Hallelujah! *“We Sing Your Praises”* #535

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Sending of Communion

Blessing

**Sending Song: *“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”*
#890**

Dismissal

Postlude:

“Variations on “America” 1891

by: Charles Ives

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Organist: Barb Towey

Aaron Marx, - Violin and Heidi Corcoran, Cello

INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

K E Y	<p>“They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands?”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mark 6:2b</p>
R E A D I N G S	<p>Preparing for Sunday, July 15</p> <p>Day 1 - Ezekiel 2:1-5 Day 2 - Psalms 123 Day 3 - 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Day 4 - Mark 6:1-13 Day 5 - Hebrews 2:4 Day 6 - 1 John 4:9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Sunday readings in bold.</p>
A P P L Y	<p>The people of Nazareth seemed oblivious to Jesus’ transforming work among them. Even in his own hometown, the power to heal left them unimpressed. Surrounded by his disciples, Jesus is amazed at their unbelief. In our own lives, how often are we caught unaware of the work of God in others? Consider both the people we encounter each day or maybe glimpse only that one time. Where and through whom have you witnessed God at work? Did anything surprise you about what you observed?</p>
P R A Y E R	<p>Amazing God-</p> <p>We give thanks for the work you continue to do in each of our lives and throughout your world. Give us a greater awareness and appreciation for those around us that love, share and provide comfort. Give strength to those who sacrifice, who serve quietly and without recognition, trying to make the lives of others better. Work through our own hearts and hands and help us recognize the needs all around us. Give us the courage to truly go in your name. Amen.</p>

Devotions written by Trinity members.