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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost † July 11, 2021

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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;

⁹ 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."

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.’ ”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **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.**

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29** *(please stand as you are able)*

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 our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW # 423 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

C 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 into hell. 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 *(you may be seated)*

A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

A Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P 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

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN LBW # 500 *Faith of Our Fathers*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Biederstedt family in loving memory of Jeanne Gebers.

This week please hold in prayer: Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Juanita Clausen, Randy Gerken, Sue Kruse, Norm Bostelman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

July 11: Acts 13:4-12

July 15: Acts 14:8-20

July 12: Acts 13:13-41

July 16: Acts 14:21-28

July 13: Acts 13:42-52

July 17: Acts 15:1-21

July 14: Acts 14:1-7

Thursday evening services

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 pm. Tell your friends.

HELP!! Please consider volunteering as Readers – Ushers – Camera Operators – Sound Board Operators. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Joe Kohout or Laura Ellis-Kruse to volunteer. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

CARING CORNER: For July and August, we would like to continue to highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. As many of us know, children are home from school and food budgets are tight. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Pudding/Jell-o Cups

Macaroni & Cheese

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Soup

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.)

Granola Bars

Canned Fruit and Vegetables

RELAY FOR LIFE OF HENRY COUNTY - August 28, 2021 - Henry Co. Fairgrounds
Luminaria Ceremony begins at dusk. There are Luminaria order forms at both entrances. If you want to donate to Team Julie in memory of Julie Mires or to others. Complete and return the form with \$10 per Luminaria to the church office or contact Lori Sharpe 419-966-1240.

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission presents:

The Summer Foods Program

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE LUNCHESES AND FUN TO CHILDREN
AGES 1-18 (UP TO AGE 21 WITH A DISABILITY)

Christ United Methodist Church

1255 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

JUNE 9TH TO JULY 29TH – LUNCH SERVED 11:45-12:30

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHESES SERVED ON JULY 5TH

ALL KIDS & TEENS EAT FREE; NO INCOME OR ID REQUIREMENTS;
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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