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Messiah Office Summer Hours: Closed for the week of July 15 – 19.  
 Pastor John and Lisa will be on vacation during this time.  
 The Messiah office phone and email will be checked daily.

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: July 14, 2024 @ 10:30am**

**Worship Leader:** Cheryl Bauer Hyde (video sermon Rev. Dr. Ali Tote, Bishop Elect)  
**Musician:** Linda Moriarty

**Worship Assistants:** Merv Bender, Dave Bragg, Wayne Hyde

*The service will be broadcast live beginning at 10:30am on YouTube and posted there for later viewing.*

**Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:**

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



**Today – Sunday, July 14**

➤ **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting

**On Going Ministries**

- **Coffee Time:** every Sunday before the Service
  - **Stephen Ministry:** contact Pastor John for more information and referrals.
  - **Bible Studies, Choir, Confirmation, Men's Group, Messiah Lutheran Women, Senior Homes**
- Worship Services** – will resume in September

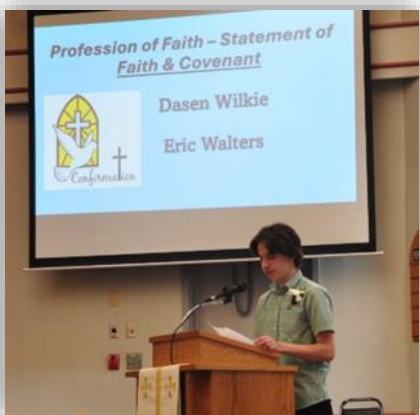


**Worship Assistants are needed for Sunday Worship.**  
**The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.**  
**If you are able to, please sign up to usher, read or operate PowerPoint.**  
**Your gift of time and service is greatly appreciated.**



**Thank you to all who made Confirmation Day such a success.**  
**We hope and pray our young adults will continue each day to walk by faith and seek Lord's direction and will for their life.**

***Congratulations Dasen and Eric!***



**CONFIRMATION DAY MAY 26, 2024**

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**PASTOR JOHN MAYER DUT**

**CONFIRMANDS:**

***DASEN WILKIE***

***ERIC WALTERS***



## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**OPENING HYMNS:** OSB#249 'We Have Come Into His House' (vs.1,3)  
OSB#245 'We Are The Church' (vs.1,2,4,6)

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Introduction:** *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.*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:** OSB#234 'This Is The Day' (x2)  
OSB#233 'This Is My Commandment' (vs.1,3)

### CONFESSION

Lord, God of our tomorrows, we confess our sinful condition before You. We desire something better than what we have and what we are. We know ourselves too well and see our human frailty. We know that our temporary gods are vulnerable will crumble under the test. We realize that our desires are fickle and backfire on us at the worst times. God of our tomorrows, give us Your forgiveness. Let us see today the promise of something better in our lives.

### ABSOLUTION

Our God is a tomorrow God. God knows our past, and knows where are we headed. God knows our needs and desires us to come in prayer. As we confess our sin, God is faithful and will forgive our sins and set us right. God know what we desire and that true fulfillment comes in knowing God. God's promise of something better is found in God's forgiveness and love. Praise be to God.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** OSB#65 'He's Everything To Me'

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is 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 conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*  
<sup>7</sup> 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.’”  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> I 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.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,<sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.<sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.<sup>11</sup> In 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,<sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.<sup>13</sup> In 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;<sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED – Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

Welcome the Children: OSB#19 ‘Jesus Loves The Little Children’

Children’s Message

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

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> 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.

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

**SERMON: Rev. Dr. Ali Tote, Bishop Elect** (video)

**HYMN OF THE DAY: OSB#227 'Just A Closer Walk With Thee'** (Chorus, vs.1,2,3, Chorus)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer, saying In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *We share a sign of Peace.*

## **THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING HYMN: OSB#223 'There's A Quiet Understanding'**

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us pray. **Blessed One, you offer a redemptive inheritance sometimes beyond our imagination. You graciously bestow each of us with your wisdom, grace, forgiveness, and love. Joyously, we share these offerings. As you call us to give, you remind us to place our hopes and dreams in your love and grace. Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.

**We will celebrate forgiveness in every tomorrow. We will celebrate forgiveness in the week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening concern, and deeds of generosity.**

Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.

**We have heard the good news. We will share the good news.**

The Lord be with you. Go and serve in God's name. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: OSB#59 'The Trees Of The Field' (x2)**

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