

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:00 AM

Jean the Baptist Preaching Before Herod
by Pieter de Grebber (ca. 1600 - ca. 1653)



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); James Flaten (assisting minister); Dick Peik - clarinet, Robert Ragoonanan (musicians); Jack Dant, Tim Hopkins, Wayne Lee, Sarah Wille (communion servers); Deb Bordsen (lector); Dan Bielenberg (Zoom facilitator); Sheila Hougen (greeter); John Hensrud, Michael Kneer, Leena Rapacz (ushers); Lydia Rapacz, (acolyte); Carol Flaten (altar guild); Kathy Kufus, Evan Peterson (communion clean-up); Mary Perez (healing prayer); Ann Lee (land acknowledgment)

GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

Prelude Fantasiestücke (Fantasy Pieces), Op. 73 Robert Schumann
I. Zart und mit Ausdruck (Delicate and Expressive) (1810-56)

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgement, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **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.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your invitation.

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.**

Beloved 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, God's mercy fills us:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

+ **Greeting**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ **Prayer of the Day**

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.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading - Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, holding a plumb line. 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 spare them no longer; 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." 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. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from its land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees, 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.

Esto es lo que me mostró: El Señor estaba de pie junto a un muro construido a plomo y tenía una cuerda de plomada en la mano. Y el SEÑOR me preguntó: —¿Qué ves, Amós? —Una cuerda de plomada —respondí. Entonces el Señor dijo: —Mira, voy a tirar la plomada en medio de mi pueblo Israel; no volveré a perdonarlo. »Los altares paganos de Isaac serán destruidos y quedarán en ruinas los santuarios de Israel; me levantaré con espada contra la casa de Jeroboán». Entonces Amasías, sacerdote de Betel, envió un mensaje a Jeroboán rey de Israel: «Amós está conspirando contra ti en medio de Israel. La tierra no puede soportar sus palabras, porque anda diciendo: »"Jeroboán morirá a espada e Israel será llevado cautivo lejos de su tierra"». Entonces Amasías dijo a Amós: —¡Vete de aquí, vidente! ¡Si quieres ganarte el pan profetizando, vete a la tierra de Judá! No vuelvas a profetizar en Betel, porque este es el santuario del rey; es el templo del reino. mós respondió a Amasías: —Yo no soy profeta ni hijo de profeta, sino que soy pastor y cultivo higos silvestres. Pero el SEÑOR me sacó de detrás del rebaño y me dijo: "Ve y profetiza a mi pueblo Israel".

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Psalm 85:8-13

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.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear
you,**

that your glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Voy a escuchar lo que Dios el SEÑOR dice:
él promete paz a su pueblo y a sus fieles,
para que no se vuelvan a la necesidad.

**Muy cercano está para salvar a los que le temen,
para establecer su gloria en nuestra tierra.**

El amor y la verdad se encontrarán;
se besarán la justicia y la paz.

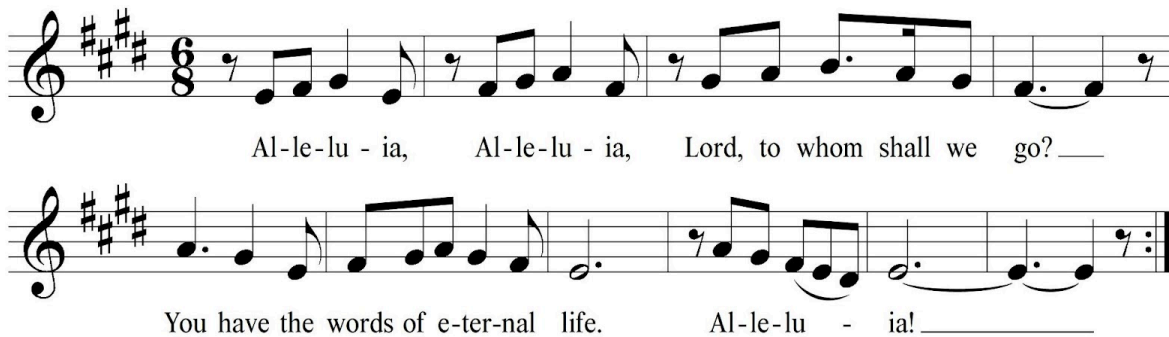
**De la tierra brotará la verdad
y desde el cielo se asomará la justicia.**

El SEÑOR mismo nos dará bienestar
y nuestra tierra rendirá su fruto.

**La justicia será su heraldo
y preparará el camino para sus pasos.**

+ Gospel Acclamation

from *Now the Feast and Celebration*
by Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



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

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+ Gospel Reading - Mark 6:14-29

The gospel according to Mark the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Jesus." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the

El rey Herodes se enteró de esto, pues el nombre de Jesús se había hecho famoso. Algunos decían que Juan el Bautista había resucitado y por eso tenía poder para realizar milagros. Otros decían que era Elías; y otros, en fin, afirmaban que era un profeta, como los de antes. Pero

prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” 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. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to marry your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When Herod heard John, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 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.” And he swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” The mother replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” 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.” The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. The soldier went and beheaded John in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When John’s 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 - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

cuando Herodes oyó esto, exclamó: «¡Juan, al que yo mandé que le cortaran la cabeza, ha resucitado!». En efecto, Herodes mismo había mandado que arrestaran a Juan y que lo encadenaran en la cárcel. Herodes se había casado con Herodías, esposa de su hermano Felipe, y Juan había dicho a Herodes: «No te es lícito tener a la mujer de tu hermano». Por eso Herodías le guardaba rencor a Juan y deseaba matarlo. Pero no había logrado hacerlo, ya que Herodes temía a Juan y lo protegía, pues sabía que era un hombre justo y santo. Cuando Herodes oía a Juan, se quedaba muy desconcertado, pero lo escuchaba con gusto. Por fin se presentó la oportunidad. En su cumpleaños Herodes dio un banquete a sus altos oficiales, a los comandantes militares y a los notables de Galilea. La hija de Herodías entró en el banquete y bailó, y esto agradó a Herodes y a los invitados.—Pídemelo que quieras y te lo daré —dijo el rey a la muchacha. Y prometió bajo juramento:—Te daré cualquier cosa que me pidas, aun cuando sea la mitad de mi reino. Ella salió a preguntarle a su madre: —¿Qué debo pedir? —La cabeza de Juan el Bautista —contestó. Enseguida se fue corriendo la muchacha a presentarle al rey su petición: —Quiero que ahora mismo me des en una bandeja la cabeza de Juan el Bautista. El rey se quedó angustiado, pero no quiso desairarla a causa de sus juramentos y en atención a los invitados. Así que enseguida envió a un verdugo con la orden de llevarle la cabeza de Juan. El hombre fue, decapitó a Juan en la cárcel y volvió con la cabeza en una bandeja. Se la entregó a la muchacha y ella se la dio a su madre. Al enterarse de esto, los discípulos de Juan fueron a recoger el cuerpo y le dieron sepultura.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

+ Hymn of the Day

Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping

ACS 1050



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it



sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has



hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and
shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -



hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: WAYFARING STRANGER, North American traditional

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+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Spirit of God, **hear our prayer.**

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

MEAL

Offertory

Fantasiestücke, Op. 73
II. Lebhaft, leicht (Lively, Light)

Robert Schumann

+Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others...

When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

If you are at home on your own...

Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

If you are worshiping in-person today...

We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for a blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.

If you seek healing prayers today...


A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.

Music During Communion


Deep River

ACS 951


Refrain




Deep riv - er, my home is o - ver Jor - dan,



deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o-ver in-to camp-ground.



1 Oh, don't you want to go to that gos - pel feast, that
2 Oh, when I get to heav-en, I'll . . . take my seat, and



Refrain

prom - ised land where all is peace? Oh,
cast my crown at Je - sus' feet. Oh,

Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

Just A Closer Walk with Thee
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 697
ELW 523

+Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

+Sending Hymn

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

+Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

+Dismissal

Go in peace.
You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

¡Vaya en Paz!
Eres el cuerpo de Cristo.
Gracias a Dios!

Postlude

Fantasiestücke, Op. 73
III. Rasch und mit Feuer (Fast and with Fire)

Robert Schumann

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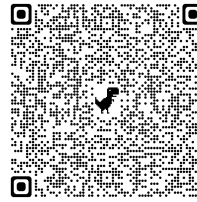
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