

July 14, 2024
8th Sunday
after
Pentecost

OUR MISSION

Fisher – “As Children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus’ name.”

Bygland - “We are God’s work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus’ name.”



PRELUDE/BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing* (ELW #807)

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, **God has called us to bring good news to the poor.**

God has sent us to proclaim release to the captives, **God has called us to let the oppressed go free.**

God is telling us that now is the time, **Even if some won't listen to us.**

Now is the time, **Even if the words are hard to proclaim.**

Now is the time, **Even when we tremble and are afraid.**

Now is the time, **To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW #815)*

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.**

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

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.

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." ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

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.

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - as the children come forward the congregation sings Jesus loves me (ELW #595) (V. 1)

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴ 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."
¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ 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.
¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² 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." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ 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."
²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it

to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ 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

PRAYERS

Response -

Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

OFFERING MUSIC *Holy God, We Praise Your Name, vs. 1 & 4 (ELW #414)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONG *One Bread, One Body (ELW #496)*

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW #414)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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**SET UP AUTO-PAY
THROUGH YOUR BANK ACCOUNT**

Laminated cards are available if you give online and would like to put something in the offering plate.

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Fisher/Bygland Lutheran Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome Pastor Greg Isaacson!!
- Tue., July 16th NO Stretch and pray
Joint Council July 16, 7 PM
- Wed., July 17th 9:00 AM WELCA Bible Study at FLC
10:00 AM Trinity staff Book Study
1-2 PM Bible Study at Good SAM
6-7:30 PM BIO Girls
7:30 PM Fisher Council
- Thur., July 18th 6:30 AM AA at FLC
NO Stretch and Pray
- Sat., July 13th - 19th FLC Youth Mission Trip. The youth will be going to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana. Please pray for everyone going.
- Sun., July 21st 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher with Pastor Mike Ozaki
9:00 AM Worship at Trinity Lutheran in Crookston with Pastor Gretchen
11:00 AM Worship at First Presbyterian with Pastor Gretchen
- Open House Bridal Shower for Eva Byerley (fiancée of Sam Wagner) will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fisher on Monday, July 15th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. They are registered at Target and Amazon.
- July 29-Aug 1. VBS is looking for volunteers of all ages to help ensure the kiddos have a safe and fulfilling experience. No preparation necessary. Please contact Pastor Gretchen if you are able to help. 812-639-7816.

Gatherers Give with Glad Hearts

Fisher Lutheran Church

July – September Donations
will be gathered for ...

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Simply purchase any items from the list to donate, return them to Fisher Lutheran in the gathering bag and they will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Personal Care Kit Items

- ❖ Light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")
Dark color recommended
 - ❖ Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
 - ❖ Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.
- ❖ Sturdy comb
 - ❖ Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Bouquet Bar



By Kimberly Kerner Herd

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Hosted by Fisher Lutheran Church
209 2nd St. S., Fisher, MN**

Cost: \$35

*Bring your own vase or purchase one at the event for \$5
Payment Options: Cash, Debit or Credit Card*

All Are Welcome!

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