



Divine Worship Service

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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CHOSEN IN CHRIST

BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

Ephesians 1:4

‘Signed, Sealed, and Delivered’

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Welcome!

We are happy that you are with us to hear the Word of God.

Preparing for Church This Sunday

“How can I be sure of my salvation?” is a commonly asked question. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we have a guarantee sealed in heaven. And that guarantee is the Holy Spirit. Sin separates us from God, but the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel and brought us into saving faith. When St. Paul is speaking about predestination, he is reminding us of the certainty of eternal life that we have by faith.

All who repent and are called by the Gospel to saving faith are ‘Signed, Sealed, and Delivered’ to a certain hope of life forever in heaven. This is a guarantee given us and delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Welcome - Ringing of the Bell

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Opening Hymn 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalms 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

for in you I trust.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, 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,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,
“Amos has conspired against you in the midst 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, and
eat 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 and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a
prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the
LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to
my people Israel.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

**⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.**

Epistle

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, ⁴even as he chose us in
him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless
before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which
he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter 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 to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's

head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed – Back Cover of Hymnal

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn 561 The Tree of Life

Sermon *“Signed, Sealed, Delivered”*

Ephesians 1:3–14

Offering

Offertory - We Give Thee But Thine Own
We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

G **Lord, have mercy.**

P ... one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Collect

O God, from whom 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

G **Amen.**

Closing Hymn In Christ Alone

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

Join us in the Commons for the fellowship meal immediately following the service today. Voter's meeting to follow at 11:30.

SERVING US TODAY

<i>Pastor:</i>	<i>Pastor Steve Resner</i>
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<i>Elders:</i>	<i>Danny Sommerer</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Elizabeth Lehmann & Ailyn McDonald</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Pat Sommerer & Dawn Jackson</i>

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