

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

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Pentecost 7

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn - LSB # 832 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Welcome

Dialog

P: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

C: Maker, Redeemer, Life giver, Amen!

P: Amen means, "Yes, Yes, It shall be so."

C: It is a word we use when God's Word and Truth is revealed to us.

P: O Lord, You have revealed Yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: To Your holy name, we SAY "Amen!"

P: In this name, O Lord, we were baptized.

C: To Your holy calling, we Say "Amen!"

P: For this name, O Lord, You ask us to serve with gladness.

C: Take us. Fill us. Use us. Enable us to say "Amen!"

P: At Your name, O Lord, we bow in worship

C: and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, "Amen!"

We Confess our Sin

And Hear His Message of Forgiveness

P: Each week, through the ministry of God's holy Church and the power of His word, the forgiveness of sins is offered to you and to millions throughout the world. Let us now examine our hearts to see how faithfully we have received and carried forth this great gift of God. *(A brief silence is kept)* Let us confess our sin to God.

C: Father, I have sinned against You. I know my sin is truly great, because I have known Your commands and still I do wrong and fail to do right. Even when I have confessed my sin, I forget that repentance means not only admitting guilt, but changing my life to put You first in all things, as Your First Commandment teaches. Forgive me for Jesus' sake and make me new and whole again.

P: God forgives us no matter how often or how grievously we have sinned, God's power to save is greater! His Son paid the ransom for our bondage to sin with His own life. His love purifies us and leads us into the greatest fellowship the world has ever known, His family of believers. Rejoice then, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn of Psalm 23 – LSB # 710

First Lesson - Amos 7:7-15 *(The call of the prophet Amos)*

This 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. And 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; 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 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. For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Dialog Prayer

P: God, give us gratitude to know

C: that Your Word was given by Your Holy Spirit for our mutual growth.

P: God, give us obedience to know

C: that the Word empowers us to live lives of forgiveness that we might faithfully study and learn Your Word so that the Truth might set us free.

P: God, give us joy to know

C: that the beauty of Solomon's temple was as nothing when compared to the beauty of Your Word dwelling in us -- in the temple of your children. Amen.

Epistle – Ephesians 1:3-14

(We are called to believe in the redemption God offers us in Jesus Christ.)

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In 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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn - AGPS # 260 "We Thank You, Lord, for Eyes to See"

Dialog Prayer

P: God, give us grace to know

C: the joy of participating in the learning of Your Word and the message of our victorious resurrection through Christ.

P: God, give us wisdom to know

C: how to discern right from wrong and truth from falsehood that we might grow in the stature and wisdom of our Lord.

P: God, give us love to know

C: that Your Word is a lamp that is to be shared with the world. Let us not keep the Light of Your Word selfishly locked up inside our hearts, but equip us to joyously learn the Scriptures so that we might learn to share them in love. Amen.

P: Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel according to...

C: (spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:14-29

King 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." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For 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. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for 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.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For 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."

And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And 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." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

(After the reading . . .)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn - LSB # 738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Sermon

Dialog Prayer

P: God, give us courage to know

C: That Your Word gives us endless blessings that we might boldly stand in defense of our faith being well founded in the truth.

P: God, give us comfort to know

C: that as we hear, Learn and inwardly digest Your Word that You will never leave us or forsake us.

P: God, give us faith to know

C: That the Holy Spirit continues to guide Your Church through the gift of Your Word. Amen.

Offering *Musical Offering*

Prayer of the Church

P: O Savior, let our church and its members be effective in the mission of sharing Your Word to a lost and dying world. Bless those portions of our offerings that support mission work here in Spencer, Iowa and throughout the world.

C: *(sung to tune LSB #781)*

Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

P: Merciful God, it is the ministry and concern of Your Church to give counsel and comfort to those who are sick or sad [Special petitions for the sick or bereaved may be offered here.]. Bless the church workers and facilities that are supported by our offerings, that they may have great effect in the lives of our people.

C: *(sung)*

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend those lost in loneliness Is angels' work below.

P: Bless the educational ministries of our church, especially our Pre-school, our Parochial School – IGLLS, our G.I.F.T. midweek program, and our VBS and Sunday School programs. Give us enthusiasm for this work and generous hearts for their support.

C: *(sung)*

The captive to release, The lost to God to bring, To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

P: Lord, if we were to try to support these ministries on our own, we could not succeed. But You have promised in Malachi, chapter three: " Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,' says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' "

C: (sung)

And we believe Your word, Though dim our faith, it's true:
What we do for Your people, Lord, We do it all for you.

P: Guide us all by Your Truth for Your Word is Truth. May God
grant it for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (sung to "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" LSB #366)

Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne,
Most holy be Your Name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth – in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need;
Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead;
From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You
In grateful love we bow;
And yours the pow'r, Lord, let us view
Your mighty presence now.
The glory yours; Your praise be sung
Throughout the world again
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue
Forevermore! Amen!

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn - LSB # 803 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

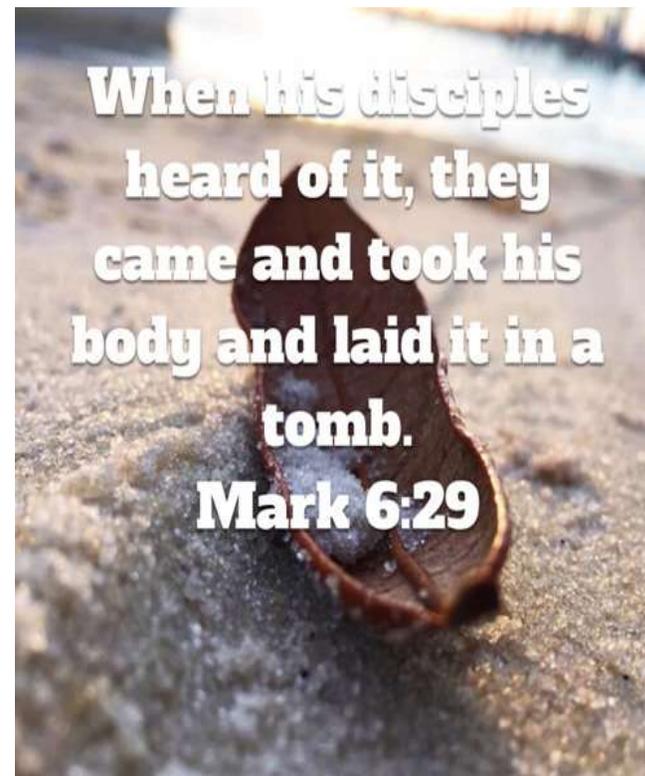
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