

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 15, 2018

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service -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. Amen.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. If you are a Communicant member of a Missouri Synod congregation and wish to partake of the sacrament, please fill out a Communion Registration Card and give it to the usher who invites you to the Lord's Table. If you are not an LC-MS member but wish to commune, please speak with the pastor or the head usher before coming to the Sacrament.

The Order of Divine Service I.....pg 151
Opening Hymn.....743
Psalm 85 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Amos 7:7-15

Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made 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 not pass by them anymore.

The high places of Isaac shall be desolate,

And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam.”

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 shall surely be led away captive

From their own land.’”

Then Amaziah said to Amos:

“Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah.

There eat bread, And there prophesy.

But never again prophesy at Bethel,

For it is the king's sanctuary,
And it is the royal residence.”

Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

“I was no prophet, Nor was I a son of a prophet,
But I was a sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore fruit.

Epistle Lesson-Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Gospel Lesson-Mark 6:14-29

Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.”

But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the

sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!”

Immediately she came in 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; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, 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 away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon Hymn.....518 (vs 1, 24, 3)
Sermon

Text: Mark 6:14ff

Theme: Do not reject the Love of God

**I. John the Baptist was sent by God to call men,
women, and children to repentance**

II. That same Love calls to each of us, daily

Offering

Prayers

Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymns.....602, 539, 686, 659

Closing Hymn.....655

Sunday school will continue throughout the summer, we are meeting in the classrooms instead of the church.

Pastor Speers will be holding his third meeting on the **State of the Church on Tuesday, July 24th, at 7:00 PM.** This meeting will discuss what St Paul needs to do to stand in the midst of change in the world. This meeting will take up the last part of the Synodical study, and then discuss what we, for our part, at St Paul, will need to do in order to stand in the years to come.

Lutherans for Life will have a Porkburger/bake sale on the Triangle Sat. July 14 from 10:30 to 1:00PM. Funds raised will go to sponsor youth to annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C. and other activities. Bring bake sale items to the triangle July 14.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Augsburg, Shobonier, Illinois, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its building on July 15th at 2 PM. Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, followed by a presentation by David Knecht. Please RSVP with the number attending for meal at 618-846-8383 by June 30th.

Prayers-For Gary Wachtel, as he undergoes testing and receives treatment for Parkinson's; For Donna Larson as she undergoes testing this week; For Emma Holste as she undergoes testing this week;

This Week at St Paul

Sunday:	Galatians 4-6
Monday: ALIS BOD 7:30 PM	Ephesians 1-2
Tuesday: CID District Convention	Ephesians 3-4
Wednesday: Bible Study 10 AM	
LYF 6:30 PM	
Elder's Meeting 8:15 PM	Ephesians 5-6
Thursday:	Philippians 1-2
Friday:	Philippians 3-4
Saturday:	Colossians 1-2

Those participating-

Pastor-David Speers

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Organist-Faith Kemme

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