



Sunday, July 11, 2021
9:15 am

Seventh Week After Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 78:1-7

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 6:1-14

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

vs. 1 & 2

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

A reading from Amos.

This 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. 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 never again pass them by; 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 his 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 herdsman, 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.**

Psalm

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²**I will open my mouth in a parable;**

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴**We will not hide them from their children;**

we will tell to the coming generation

the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

⁵He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;

⁶**that the next generation might know them,**

the children yet unborn,

and rise up and tell them to their children,

⁷so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

A reading from Ephesians.

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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

vs. 1 & 4

"Faith of Our Fathers"

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, Let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response is:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

vs. 1 & 3

"God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

DISMISSAL

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

Serving in Worship

Pr. Justin Smoot
Herb Heyne - Assisting Minister
Joel Freiberg - Pianist
Liz Hans - Layreader & Vocalist

Technical Support

Ryan Josiger
Mark Clark
Joel Freiberg
Bob Wiederhoeft

Holy Communion

All are welcome. The communion elements are available on the table in the Narthex along with a plastic bag to dispose of the empty cup(s) following communion which can be placed in the waste can as you leave the Sanctuary. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all". For the many ways you give, thank you.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Rick and Suzanne Schroeder in honor of Ozkar's baptism and Suzanne's birthday.

2021 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers. There are several Sundays available yet this year. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Personal Care Kits and School Supplies for LWR

Saint Andrew sends quilts, backpacks filled with school supplies and personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) each year. ***Check out the display in the Narthex for more details including a grab-and-go list for the personal care kits and a tag board for school supplies.***

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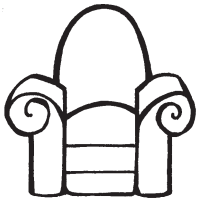
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Prophets like John the Baptist, Amos, and Elijah told the Good News.

What do we hear in worship? Draw lines to connect the ear to the things we hear.



ME!



PRE-READER

Pentecost 7

- Today is the **7th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season, we learn about people who followed God, like **prophets**.
- Prophets are people who tell us about **God's promises**.
- God **never breaks** a promise.

God promises to always love us. Love helps us grow.

Water this tree to help it grow. Where do you find water at your church?

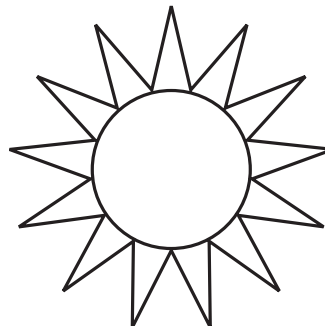




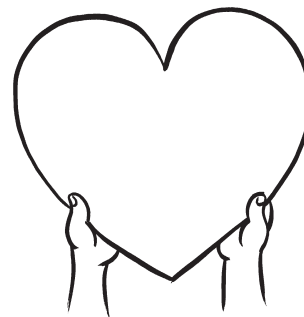
Jesus shares God's promises with us.

People thought **J**esus was like **J**ohn the Baptist.
They both shared God's promises.

**Write the letter J under the good things
God gives us.**



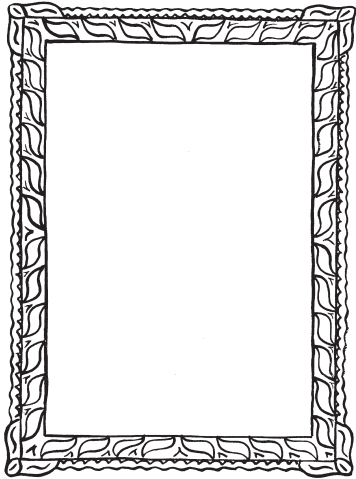




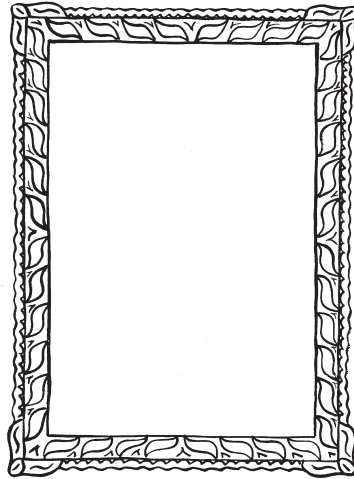


Prophet Check

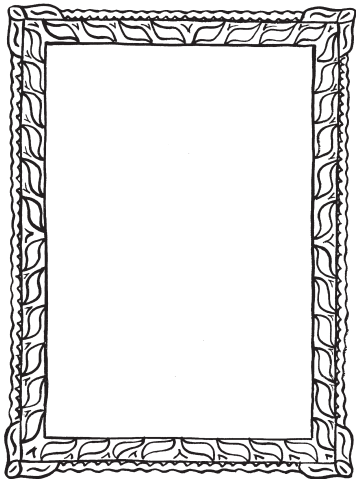
Check out the prophets in your congregation.
Who shares God's truth with you?
Write the names and draw pictures of those people.
Don't forget to check the mirror!



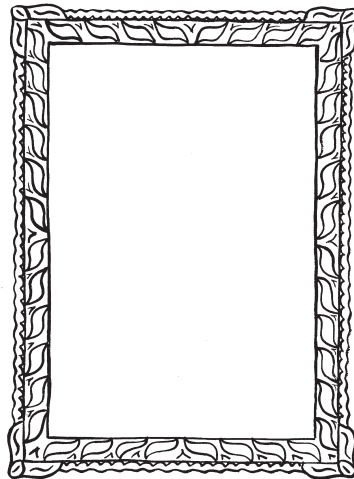
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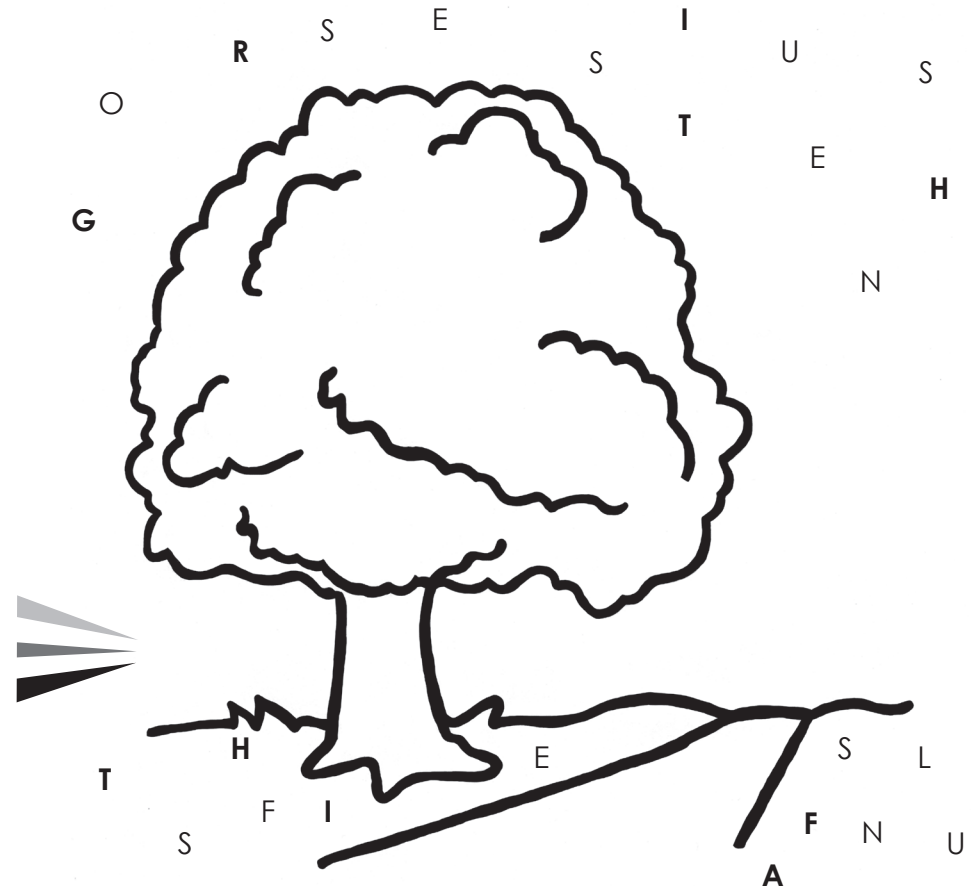
READER

Pentecost 7

- Today is the **7th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During the season after Pentecost we hear **God's truth**.
- God's **prophets speak** the truth to God's people.

From Ground and Sky

Unscramble the two words below. One is growing from the ground and the other is in the sky. The first 5 letters of each word are bold to help you get started.



Need a clue? Check out the Memory Verse on the next page.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Psalm 85:11

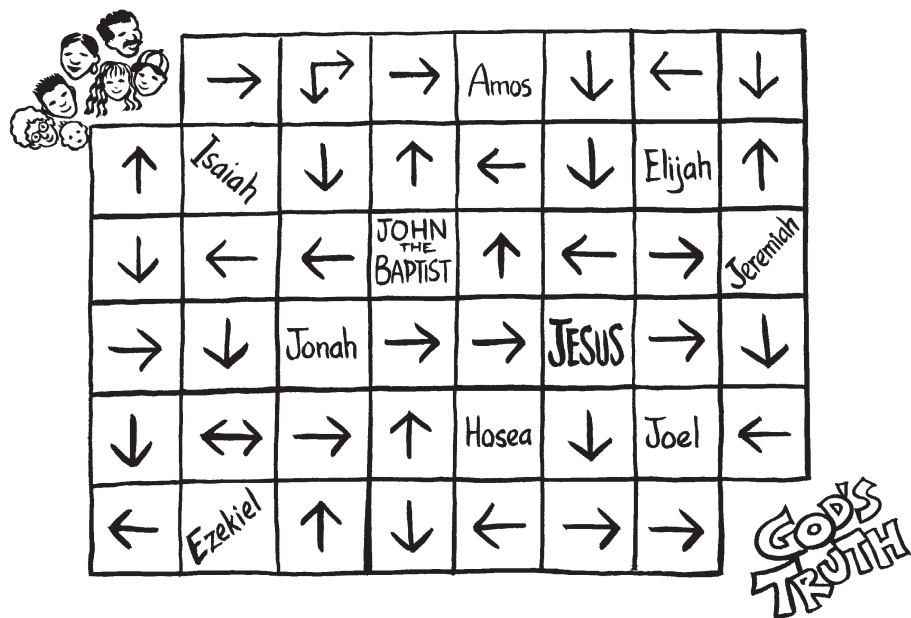
Memory Verse

Write this memory verse by the tree on the first page of this bulletin. Start from the ground and write up to the sky. Can you write the whole thing without looking? Can you write it from memory?

The True Way

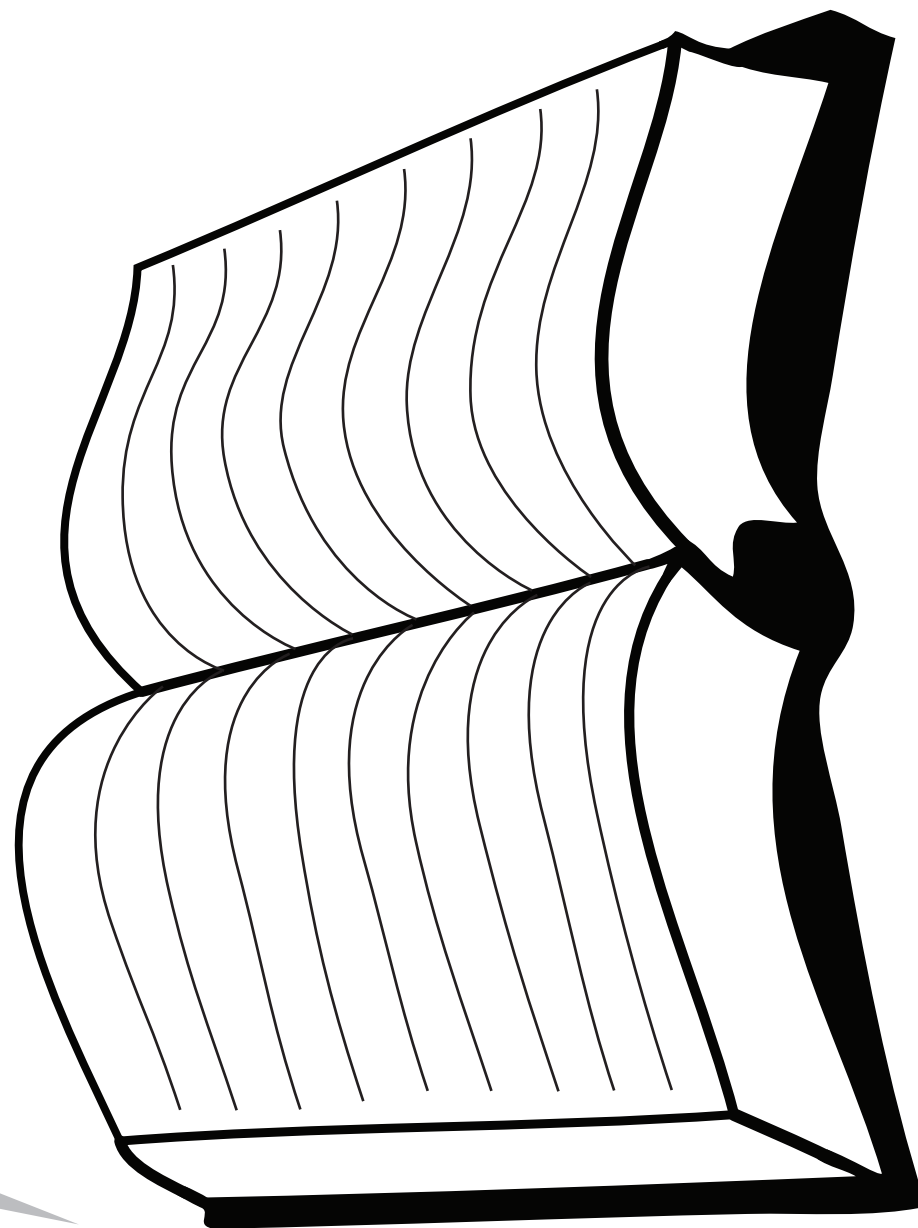
God's prophets speak the truth to God's people. They share God's promises of faithfulness and righteousness.

Bring these people through the maze to God's truth. Follow the arrows to find the right path.



Bible Tip!

Prophets wrote many books in the Old Testament. Can you find the 17 books by prophets? Check your Bible's table of contents.



JULY 11, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of setting a plumb line
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
Wednesday	Psalms 86:1-17	Save me, Lord
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Friday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, guide the rulers of the earth toward justice and mercy for the sake of peace in your world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we see in this food a banquet filled with your love that brings justice and peace to all the earth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with love and faithfulness. (Psalm 85:10)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Goodness Is Stronger
than Evil*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you had a magic wand, what would you want to do or have happen?
- We like to have power, but power can be misused and be insensitive to others. Give an example of someone misusing their power.
- Jesus brings a power full of love and faithfulness. Where do you see that power in action?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 6:14-29.

This story of the beheading of John the Baptist at a banquet hosted by King Herod presents an image of contrasts. This story comes between last week's Gospel reading about Jesus' disciples traveling without riches or power of their own and staying with others as guests. The Gospel reading two weeks from now is about Jesus' own banquet of feeding hungry souls on a hillside. Jesus treated the people with compassion like a shepherd caring for the sheep. Earthly powers represented by Herod bend toward corruption, greed, violence, and impulsive actions without thought of consequences. Jesus' rule brings people together in peace, feeds the multitudes out of love, and brings healing and an end to demonic powers. We are reminded that earthly powers and governments are not the rule that wins the day in God's universe. We are called to an ordering of life where *"love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other"* (Psalm 85:10). How does Jesus' power in your life influence your thoughts and actions?

Pray: **Shepherding God, in a world that seeks to dominate and humiliate others, we thank you for your reign of love and faithfulness that will never let us go through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



In our forms of government, local, regional, and national representatives need to hear from us, especially about issues that relate to our moral resolve. How have you voiced your views on current issues?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 85 talks about peace. Verse 8 states, *"Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts."* Make a list or draw a picture of what brings peace to you. Then, read the verse slowly three times. Pause after each reading and wonder what God may be saying to you today. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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