

# King Herod



- Formally known as Herod the Great, he was the King of Judea.
- Shortly after Jesus' birth, Magi from the East came to visit him and ask about the "one being born king of the Jews."
- He asked the Magi to seek this newborn out in order to "pay homage to him." Secretly he planned to kill this usurper.

*Herod feared John,  
knowing he was a righteous and holy man. Mark 6:20*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Four

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Prelude

# Jays & Concerns

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C. Amen

P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

C. **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen**

P. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C. Amen

**Gathering Hymn**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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**Greeting**

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

**This is the Feast**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



All  
1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. **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

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 centre 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 sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**



**I WILL LISTEN TO WHAT  
GOD THE LORD WILL SAY;  
HE PROMISES PEACE  
TO HIS PEOPLE,  
HIS SAINTS  
BUT LET THEM NOT  
RETURN TO FOLLY.**

**-PSALM 85:8-**

## **Psalmody**

## **Psalm 85:8-13**

I will listen to what the LORD <sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their <sup>1</sup> hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell <sup>1</sup> in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have <sup>1</sup> met together;  
righteousness and peace have <sup>1</sup> kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.**

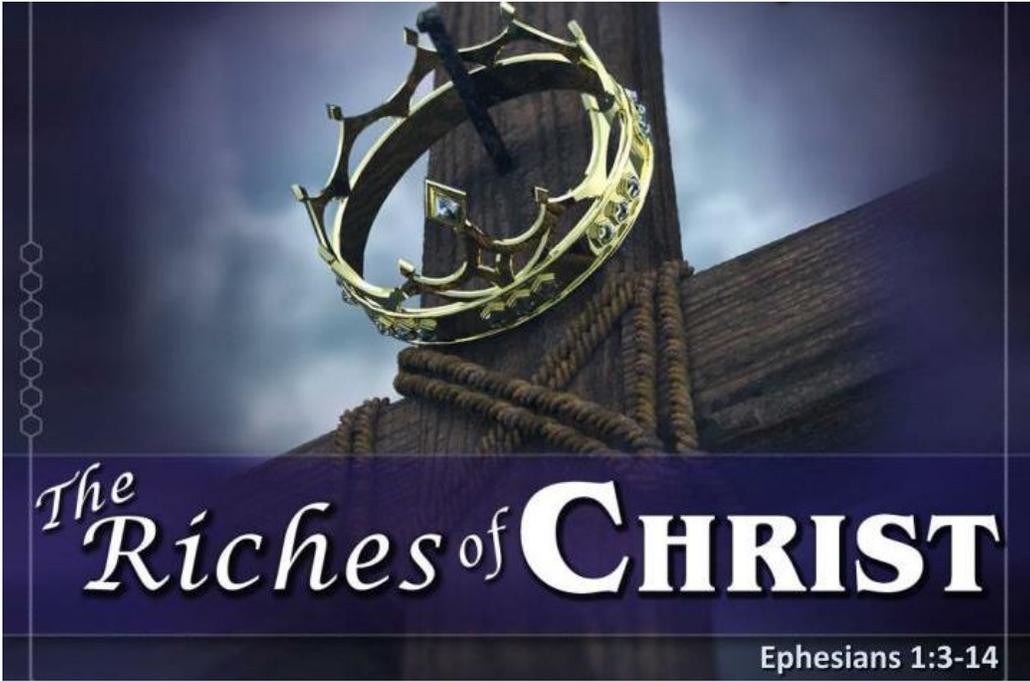
The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.**

## Second Reading

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.



# The Riches of CHRIST

Ephesians 1:3-14

**L. Word of God, word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



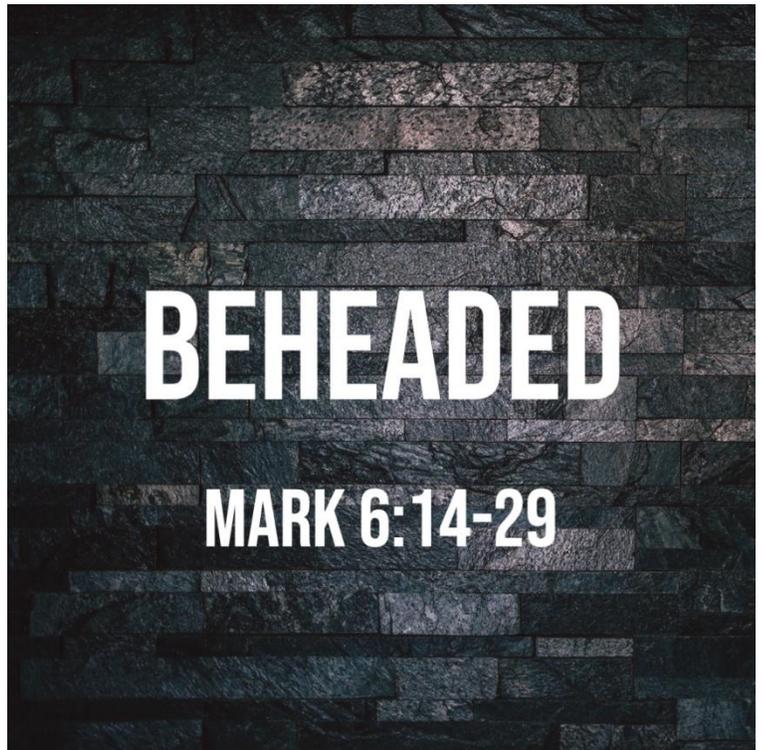
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter six.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, 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." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It 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 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. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 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. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 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." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 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." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

"Over the Top Good News from Paul"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

**Hymn of the Day**

*Listen, God Is Calling*

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

*I believe in Jesus Christ*, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

**P.** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence*

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C. Amen**

### **The Peace**

**P.** Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

### **The Offering**

**Offertory**

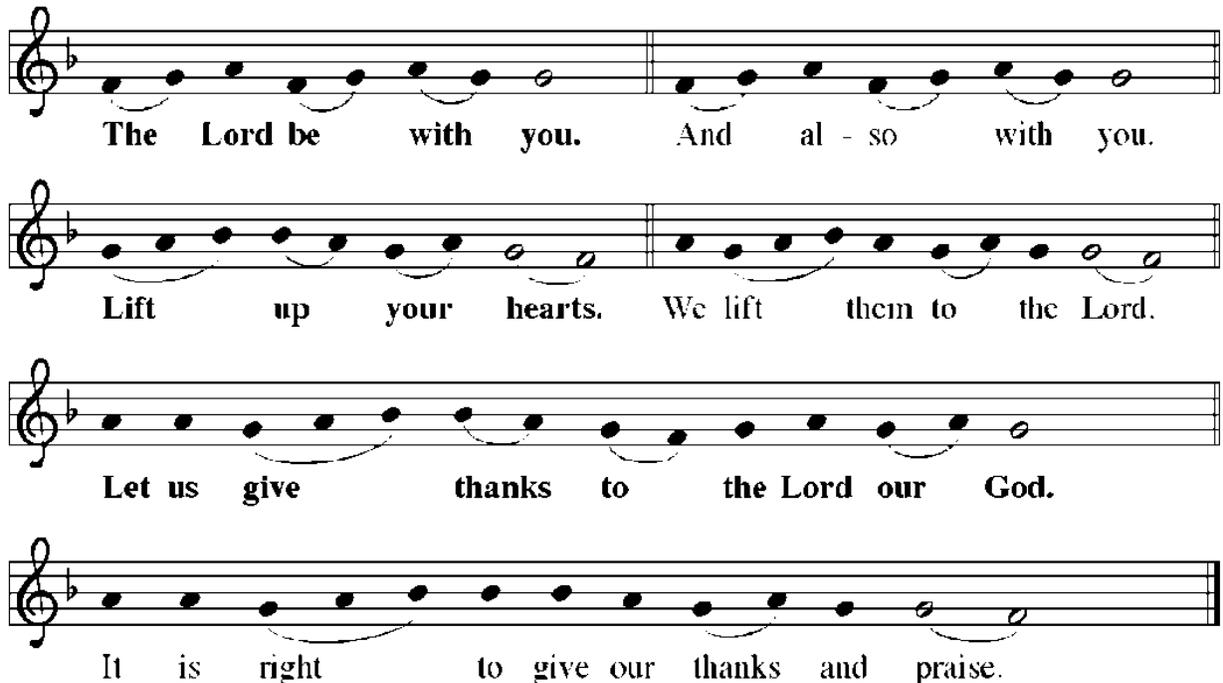
*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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## Offertory Prayer

- P. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

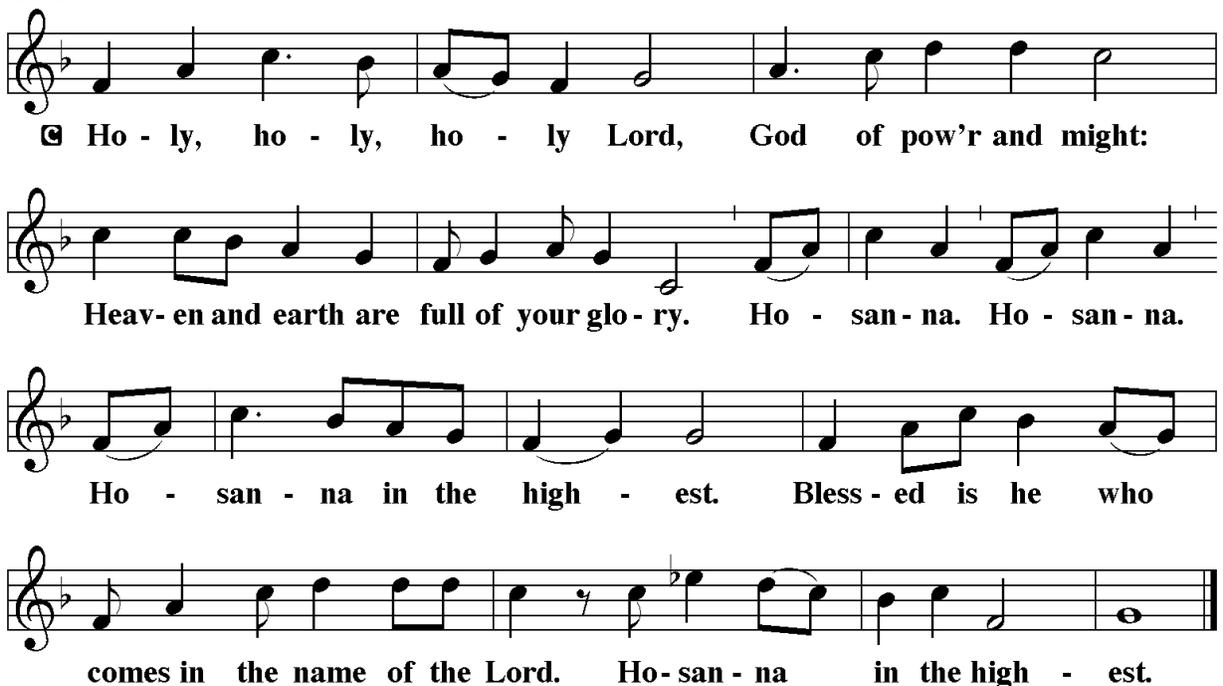
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface: It is truly right . . .

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

# The LORD'S Prayer

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

**Invitation to Communion**

P. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C. Alleluia!

**Lamb of God**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***Distribution at the Altar***

**Communion Hymn**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

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P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

C. Amen

**Post Communion Canticle**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**P.** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.

**C. Amen**

**Blessing**

**P.** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

**C. Amen**

**Sending Hymn**

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

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**Dismissal**

**A.** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*July 17th*

*1 – 3 pm*

*Christine*

*Brennecke*

*Celebration of Life*



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