

**WELCOMING WORD** *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.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

**C: for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

**C: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

L: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

**C: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: Righteousness shall go before the Lord

**C: and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**OPENING HYMN: #165 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God, in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin, they glory may not see  
Only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love an purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

## INVOCATION

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

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,

**C: 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 LESSON: Amos 7:7-15** <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>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."

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14** <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29** <sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching], 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." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others <sup>15</sup>said, "it is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came

when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**MESSAGE** Intern Tamara Siburg

**SERMON HYMN: #448 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, by now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER - 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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those who efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for Kathy, Carol, Brian, Brenda, and for all our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died (*especially*). United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**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. 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.**

**BENEDICTION** *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again. Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN: #557 Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Kristin Swedlund-Twiton, Mike Mackler (friend of Char Smith), Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Norbert Haag (brother of Virgil Haag), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Bruflat, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson

**Our partner congregation** IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

### OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS are with the family & friends of

- **Beulah Uren.** Beulah passed away on July 2
- **Elva Jean Hanna.** Elva passed away on July 6.



**ELC 'COFFEE TIME'** Coffee Time meets on Wednesday at 10:00am AND we meet "in person". Join us at ELC for time to gather and catch up with our church family.

**ELC T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE** We have new ELC t-shirts available for purchase. They are a dark green t-shirt with our ELC logo. \$5.00 per shirt, payable to ELC.

**OFFICE MANAGER JOB POSTING** Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt Horeb is seeking an office manager to perform day-to-day administrative activities in the operation of the church and be the first-line contact for congregation members as well as the public. This person should understand the mission of the church (but does not need to be a member), have excellent interpersonal skills and should be proficient in word processing, bookkeeping, data base, web maintenance and working with spreadsheet programs. They should have strong organizational skills with the ability to multi-task and ideally have a minimum of 2 years of office management, administrative support, or secretarial experience, but not required. The position includes PTO days and is somewhat flexible up to 30 hours a week. Pay will be partially determined by experience. Training will be available.

**ELC FAITH CONNECTION-** Our ELC Group on Facebook, *ELC Faith Connection*, is for everyone of all ages. This summer, keep your eyes open for 'hearts' you notice in nature. Share your photos on our Facebook group and we will draw names for gift cards to our local community before school begins. #heartsinthewild. Contact Brenda, if you need help connecting.

	<p><b>VBS/DAY CAMP at ELC</b> July 12 - 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 11:30 am (Children ages 3 yrs. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) TO REGISTER ONLINE: <a href="https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYaqQEkxph6">https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYaqQEkxph6</a> CONTACT: <a href="mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org">brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org</a></p>
	<p>GAMES FRIENDS BIBLE TIME OUTDOOR</p>



## 2021 ELC SUMMER FUN Save the dates)

- VBS/DAY CAMP 2021 JULY 12 - 15th 9:30 - 11:30 am (Youth ages 3 - 5th grade)

ONLINE SIGN UP LINK: <https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYqQEcxph6> A time to be together outside in God's creation.

- EXPLORER DAY AT SUGAR CREEK - July 26th, 9 am - 3 pm (Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2021) Email Brenda to sign up.
- CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK July 25 - 30th, (7th & 8th) Register online at [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)
- GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Service days) - New for 2021 - Middle - High school youth may join us on Thursdays, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities. This provides us with helping our neighbors all summer, and allowing flexibility for our youths with their summer schedules. REGISTER online: (Link can be emailed as well) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice>

**BRAT STAND AT ELC:** July 17th, 10 am - 2:30 pm Come & enjoy a brat/hot dog, during the Mt Horeb Art Fair. Funds will support our youth summer trips in 2022.

**CAR WASH** Bring your car, truck, or even a golf cart on July 22nd, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM at ELC in our back parking lot. Youth will be raising funds for SABA International, as a part of our GIVE/LOVE/SERVE days.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** For our youth mission days, "Thriving on Thursdays", we are planning on making some tied fleece blankets for St. Vincent de Paul's housing program, and assembling meals for the Little Food Pantries in Mt Horeb. **Two ways to donate by July 25th:**

- Blankets need to be a twin size (60 in x 90 in); measure 2 ½ yds of fleece. Each blanket needs two pieces to be tied.
- Food donations Check on our signup link below to see the food items needed to complete two different recipes. If you have trouble connecting, please contact Brenda.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-meal>

**FUSE NIGHTS** (in person) 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on Tuesday, July 20 at 7 pm. We will meet at Icki Sticki for a treat!



## **DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021**

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Psalm 142, Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

Tuesday, Amos 9:1-4, Destruction of Israel

Wednesday, Luke 7:31-35, Messengers from John the Baptist

Thursday, Psalm 23, The Shepherd

Friday, Jeremiah 10:17-25, The Coming Exile

Saturday, Luke 18:35-43, Jesus Heals the Blind

**TALK: Consider some of these ideas:** *“Herodias had a grudge against [John the baptizer], 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.”* Mark 6:19-20. Herod had married Herodias, who was his brother’s wife and John had spoken against them. She then found an opportunity to have Herod order John’s death.

- Have you ever held a grudge against someone?
- Did you end up doing something that you regretted because of a grudge? Or did someone around you end up doing something they regretted because of your grudge against another person?
- How has holding a grudge in the past affected you, your health, or your spirit?

**PRAY:** 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.

**BLESS:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.