



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 14, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Memory of**  
**Raymond Meixsell by the Robert M. Family**

Prelude: "Arioso"

arr. G. F. Handel

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

\*P: Most merciful God,

\*C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

\*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen**

**\*Hymn ELW #812 “Faith of Our Fathers”**

**\*The Greeting**

**\*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 Reading: 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 no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but 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 Reading: 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 Verse (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

\*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

\*C: (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## 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 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.

\*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

\*C: (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon/Sermon**

\*Hymn ELW #805 *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”*

## **\*Apostles Creed**

**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**

## **\*The Peace**

**\*P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**\*C:** **And also, with you.**

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation.*

## **\*Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service.*

*We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for  
the work of God's kingdom.*

## **Music at the Offering:**

*"New Every Morning"*

arr. Cindy Berry

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*P:** Risen One,

**\*C:** **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we  
offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your  
witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**\*P:** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us  
pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

\*V: You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. Remember all who are on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**\*C: Amen.**

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

\*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

\*C: **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.**

## **\*Benediction**

\*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

\*C: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn ELW#697** *"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

## **\*Dismissal**

\*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

\*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *"Riguadon"*

arr. Andre Campra

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## **Assisting in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild** - Bonnie V., Jeannine W.

**9:00 AM - Ushers** - Tegi O., Wanda F.

**Lector:** Cheryl A. - **Acolyte:** Volunteer



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<https://www.facebook.com/terrence.walsh.96>

**Follow us on our website:** [www.stjohnsbathpa.org](http://www.stjohnsbathpa.org)

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566,**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2024** - A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

Stay up to date with worship schedule changes, meeting notices, and weather cancellations by texting **STJOHNSBATH to 84576**  
or connect with us online at [stjohnsbath.flocknote.com](http://stjohnsbath.flocknote.com)

## **Welcome to St. John's!**

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. We are now in the season of the "Sundays after Pentecost." The color of the Pentecost season is green, which leads us to think about the Pentecost season as a time of growth in our Christian faith. Throughout the summer we will read large portions of St. Mark's Gospel, working our way from chapter 2 to chapter 10.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead, we welcome you to worship. This morning we will hear the Good News as our lessons are read. We listen and sing to musical selections to worship God who is our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

We will pray for all of God's people and all of our needs. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

## Today's Announcements - Sunday, July 14, 2024

### This Week at St. John's

### Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

7/14/24 - Sun.	45 Min Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM
	Adult Book Study	10:00 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:30 AM
7/15/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM - Noon
7/15-19 Mon-Fri.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:00-11:30AM
7/21/24 - Sun.	45 Min Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	Adult Book Study	10:00 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:30 AM

**Adult Book Study:** A new adult book study will take place with pastor, on Sundays at 10:00 AM, in the Nave (the worship area). We will study the book Hear Us Out which is about the "Nones" who have no religious preference and the "Dones" who used to attend church but are now done with attending church. What turned people away from church? How can we reach them? Attend in person or via Zoom.

**Coming in August:** Who are the Lutherans? What is the history of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath, Pennsylvania? How can I join St. John's? Do I have to join in order to worship here? (No, you do not have to join.) How are Lutherans like other Christians and how are we unique? 10:00 AM, right after church, in the Nave (where you are sitting). This is a two week class.

**Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025:** Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

**Online Giving Option:** We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give now at this website link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>. Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.



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**Prayers Requested For:** Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the B. Family, Barb B., Cory B., Jason C., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., the family of Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Stanley K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Geary M., Ruth M., The M. Family, Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Tucker W., Viola W., Rev. Jay W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., the Family of Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., The Z. Family, Helen Z., Robert Z., Francis Z.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***

**Message from Kevin:** I want to thank everyone in the congregation for their support and encouragement over the last nine years. I can only hope you show the next person the same you have shown me. I wish you the best in your search as you continue to serve each other and the church as you have done in the past. Godspeed and God Bless.

**Do you know:** Do you know anyone who plays the organ or piano who would be willing to share their musical talents with our congregation, possibly someone looking for a job? If you do would you provide information to Jeannine Werner 610-417-3316, please leave a message.

