

Herod
feared
John,
knowing
that he was
a righteous
and holy man

MARK 6:20



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
July 11, 2021

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

106 Scheid Road, Sandusky, OH 44870

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9:00 am Sanctuary/Parking Lot Worship 10:30 a.m. Zoom Worship

Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**In the church parking lot, please turn your car
radio to 101.7 FM to listen to our worship service at 9 AM.**

This signal is only 1500 feet.

Welcome to worship! 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.

If you are visiting we rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us and invite you to return again.

Prelude

Morgan Noon

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion

forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Cranberry Hymnal **697**

9:00 worship all vs. /Zoom vs. 1 & 3

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. Refrain

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us 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

Please be seated

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷This 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. ⁸And 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;

⁹the 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."

¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'

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

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13 (Read responsively)

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.

Cong: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King 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." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For 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.

¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for 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. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and

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

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Cranberry Hymnal **513**

Refrain

(Listen,)

listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

(Listen,)

listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)
share the good news
(that he came to save us)
and set us free. Refrain

2 (Let none be forgotten)
throughout the world.
(In the triune name of God)
go and baptize. Refrain

3 (Help us to be faithful,
standing steadfast,
(walking in your precepts,)
led by your Word. Refrain

Apostles Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our 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**

Or, He descended to the dead.

Prayers of the People

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

Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

We give back to God what God first gives us. Offering can be mailed in to the church at 106 Scheid Road, Sandusky OH 44870, by texting give to 614-389-9681, or given on our church website.

Please stand

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and

Refrain
sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles - sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain
praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Thanksgiving For The Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Cranberry Hymnal 813

9:00 worship all vs. /Zoom vs. 1 & 4

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Morgan Noon

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2021: The Year of Generosity Memory Verse

Matthew 6:21 **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”.**

Council prayers: We ask the members of St. John's to pray this month for one another as we move back to worship in the sanctuary, and to respect one another's choices.

You are invited to gather for a devotion on Mondays at 10:30. Through the pandemic we met each day on Zoom, and now we are continuing to meet on MONDAYS at 10:30 for a quick devotion.

Christmas in July! A celebration of Jesus' birth in July for our nursing home residents. They are thought of on December 25th but forgotten about the rest of the year. The Faith Life Team would like to change that. We will be collecting items for Concord Care and Providence Care nursing homes thru **July 18th**. A container will be at both entrances. Many thanks in advance! Dollar Store has most items. Faith Life Team

Items needed: Xmas Cards, colored markers & pencils (no crayons)

Adult coloring books

Large print Sudoku, puzzle books

Large print cards

Sun hats, visors, sunglasses

Change purses for bingo bucks

Senior magazines

Keeping in touch with our shut-ins: It is such a valuable ministry to lift our homebound with prayers and cards. Wes Justi, St. John's oldest member is at Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870 for rehab. Also, Kathleen Rudiger is now living at the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Dr., Sandusky, OH 44870. Please keep these two members in your prayers along with a note of encouragement and concern.

Pick your favorite hymn! We know that you've missed singing. **Please let me know what your favorite hymns are so we can sing them this summer! Pastor Stacy**

Worship in the Sanctuary: Now that we will be returning to the sanctuary without any restrictions, we need your help. Multiple new charts are posted for ushers, lay readers, communion assistants along with the flower chart. Please give prayerful thought to helping with these ministry opportunities.

Attention individuals receiving bulletins in the mail: Now that we will be returning to the sanctuary with no restrictions, please leave Sandy Thompson or Pastor Stacy know if your name can be removed from the mailing list. Please call 419-625-2192 or email Sandy at sandy8110@gmail.com.

Endowment Grant Applications are being accepted for 2022. Please contact a member of the endowment team and they will be glad to mail you an application. The requests need to be presented to the Endowment committee no later than October 15, 2021. You can mail the application back to the church, put your request in the endowment mailbox in the basement or present it to any member of the committee. The committee members are John Miller, Mary K Schlessman, Jeff Justi, Bob Stacy, Colleen Shupe, Ron Zorn, Pastor Stacy and Kevin Young. If you have any questions, please see a member of the endowment committee.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR JULY 11th THRU July 25

Sunday, July 11	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sunday Worship/Parking Lot Zoom Worship
Tuesday, July 13	9:30 am	Book Discussion at Strickfaden Park rain location Vine & Olive
Sunday, July 18	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sunday Worship/Parking Lot Zoom Worship
Sunday, July 25	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sunday Worship/Parking Lot Zoom Worship

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Union Corners
2021 Month and YTD summary of Ordinary Income/(loss)
as compared to 2021 budget

MONTH	Offerings	Expenses	Ordinary Income/(loss)
Actual June 2021	\$ 8,542	\$ 11,694	\$ (3,152)
Budget June 2021	\$ 13,740	\$ 13,740	\$ -

YEAR TO DATE			
Actual June 2021 YTD	\$ 71,772	\$ 76,299	\$ (4,527)
Budget June YTD 2021	\$ 82,440	\$ 82,440	\$ -

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1—Jerry Bauer
2—David Schlessman
3—Beverly Hohman
15—Larry Schlessman
 Andrea Jean Deehr
18—James M Semon II
21—Valerie Deehr

July 4—John & Lisa Wilson
7—Marcia and Thomas Dawson
9—David and Sofia Young
12—Brad and Joleen Dillender
19—Ted and Lynn Call
28—Paul and Laura Knott
31—Doug and Tara Tommas