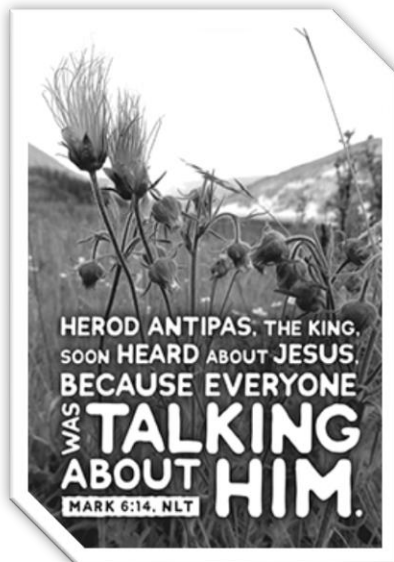


**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1410 Rogers St  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

**Pastor Joyce Heintz**  
**Ministers: Every Baptized Member**  
**Sunday, July 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**



### **Trinity's Mission**

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

### **Trinity's Vision**

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission.
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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7 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. 8 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;

9 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.”

10 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. 11 For thus Amos has said,

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

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

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and 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:**

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

We will read the psalm responsively with the congregation in bold.

8 I 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.**

10 Steadfast 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.**

12 The 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

*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.*

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

## Children's Message

## Gospel Acclamation



## **Gospel:**

**Mark 6:14-29**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter. **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.*

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

17 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. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 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. 21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 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."

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

**Sermon:**

**Deacon Sandra Wendland**

**Creed and Confession**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

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 to the dead.\***

**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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God; **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: **Everything old has passed away; behold,  
everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

**Peace:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **Offering**

### **Offertory**

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.  
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Let us pray,

God, our Creator, **you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.**  
**With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Response: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## Sending Hymn:

*“May God Bless Us”*

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*Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki, Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki,*  
May God bless us and keep us; may God bless us and keep us;



*Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki mi - le - le.*  
may God bless us and keep us ev - er - more.



*U - ki - mcha Bwa - na; Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki.*  
Re - vere the Lord; . . . may God bless us and keep us.

## Dismissal

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

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