

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (sts. 1-4) (Tune: LSB 658 - Munich)

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end,
Remain forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if You are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.

2. Oh, let me feel You near me, the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within
But, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear You speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control,
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul!

4. O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow You,
That where You are in glory, Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*Text: John E Bode, Public domain
Tune: Munich (LSB 658 is the tune)
Neuvertes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693*

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"NEHEMIAH SENT TO INSPECT AND EMPOWER"

*(Text: Nehemiah 2:4-6, 17-18)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

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

C. Amen.

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG "They'll Know We Are Christians" (sts. 1-4)

1. We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Please stand

4. All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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THE CONNECTION

July 14, 2024 10:30am

PRELUDE / WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

WORSHIP SONG "Father Welcomes" LSB 605 (sts. 1-3)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

BAPTISM OF KASHTON VALENTINE ZANE LEWIS

Son of Douglas & Jessica Lewis

Sponsors: Justin & Julissa Titus

Baptism liturgy, then...

P. Finally, Kashton, God washes you of your sins in baptism but He also brings you into His family. We welcome you into our family in God's name. Come and enjoy with us the many gifts of God as we all wait for the day of His return.

C. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P. Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have sent us Your Son, Jesus, to take our place in death and rise from the grave. We thank You for working through baptism to wash us of our sins and bring us into Your family. We thank You for bringing Kashton to the waters of baptism and now we ask You to help us surround Kashton with Your love so we can walk in grace and new life together. Protect Kashton from the temptations of this world and bless him to join us in the life of faith.

P. The Lord preserve you in every step of your life from now to life eternal.

P. The peace of Christ ☩ be with you.

C. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

C. **Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen.**

(Please sit)

FIRST READING Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, 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,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;

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 Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

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"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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

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, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter 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 to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING "Be Thou My Vision" Emma Olson
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