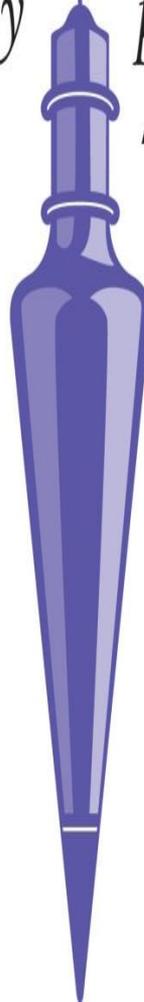


“I AM SETTING A
PLUMB LINE

in the midst of my people Israel.”

AMOS 7:8, NRSV



July 15, 2018
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Zion Lutheran Church

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✝ In the Name of Jesus ✝

Theme of the Day ~ When Amos speaks God's Word to Israel, they do not want to hear it. Amos is told to prophesy elsewhere. John the Baptist's message of repentance landed him in Herod's prison and, eventually, in the grave. Speaking God's Word is not always easy. It often meets resistance and sometimes even violence. As you gather with fellow hearers of God's Word, consider how you have been resistant to God's Word. Which portions have you chosen to skip over? Consider how you might better hear and speak God's Word this week. We give thanks for Pastor Martin Hagenow as he shares his message with us this morning.

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Pastor	Martin Hagenow
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Paul Bohn
Elders	Frank Yell & Jack Traub
Greeters	Jeanne Kade & Maxine Diener
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt, Bob Burdick, Dale Rohde
Altar Guild	Would you be willing to help out?

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 86 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,128~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$2,540 = Loose Plate \$98, Envelopes \$2,174, Mission \$43, Maintenance \$225.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jul 21- Daniel Berger; Jul 22- Tanya Duma, Ella Kocsis, Linda Laurenz; Jul 23- Ashley Coulter, Chris Farrar; Jul 24- Ralph Bluemer, Dylan Kern, Jim Willman; Jul 25- Sydney Grossman, Summer Little; Jul 26- Holley Hanson, Wesley Northrup, Bobbie White, Pat Schullo.

Vacation ~ Please note that Pastor Hauser will be on vacation through August 5. If you have a pastoral emergency please call St. Peter Lutheran at 642-8188. We will welcome Pastor Martin Hagenow on Sunday, July 22; Pastor Richard Mundt on July 29; and Pastor Roger Stauffer on August 5.

Informational Meeting ~ Bids have been taken for putting air conditioning in the church and the trustees would like to have an informational meeting immediately following the church service on July 22nd. Please attend for any questions or comments you might have.

Zion's 10th Annual Old Car/Tractor Show will be held July 29 from noon until 5 pm. ***Help is needed as well as pies for the pie auction.*** Signup sheets are in the narthex for help. The quilt and pie auction will be held at 3pm. Feel free to pick a flyer and pass on to your neighbors and friends or post at a local business.

6th Annual Car Show coming to St. John Amelith Lutheran Church on **Thursday, Aug. 2nd from 5 – 8 pm** . Plans are underway for this annual outreach event inviting the community to come for an evening of fun! This year the community benefit recipient is the Firefighters Association of Frankenlust Twp. This organization provides funding to assist the Frankenlust Fire Department in purchasing needed supplies and equipment. In addition to classic cars, the show is open to any classic vehicles which could include trucks, tractors, etc. Plan to come out and attend and view the 80+ cars. For info call Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058.

Amos 7:7-15 (ESV)

⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, 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, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 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 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. 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, and eat 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 and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

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 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed 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 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In 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, ¹² so that we who were the

first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In 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, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29 (ESV)

¹⁴ King 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." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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 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. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for 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. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For 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." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And 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." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.