



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bible Stories:
Amos and Amaziah
July 18/19, 2021

Bible Stories

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment. Activity sheets and bags for your child are available from the ushers as well.

WORSHIP SERIES: BIBLE STORIES

This summer, we're going back to the Old Testament to study some Bible stories you might not have learned as a kid. We'll see prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jonah being called into service and serving with the power of God's Word. We'll see how God's people react to tragedy as we explore the lives of David at the loss of his son and Job after the loss of almost everything. We'll see Jesus, present in the lives of his people every step of the way. Ultimately, these are the stories of God's people and God's sweeping plan of how to rescue them.

TODAY'S FOCUS: Lighthouses on the Great Lakes serve an important role in warning and guiding. They send out the drone sound of the foghorn to warn vessels of the dangerous shoreline when blinded by the fog. They send out beams of light to guide vessels to the safety of a port. It's all about saving lives. Our God selects people, common people like the disciples, like Amos, like you as well to share His Words of warning and guidance. It's for their eternal good.

OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Eternal Love Lutheran Church views the Lord's Supper as a powerful disbursement of Jesus' grace. We receive it with joy and treat it with respect. Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

OPENING HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

Christian Worship Supplement #770



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
roads they'd nev - er trod To
mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim To
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures bold and new: Grant
ways of God re - vealed: In -
near - er reign of God: Send
whom the saints be - long: Though



us to hear your call To
struct us now, we pray, By
us on ways where faith Tran -
gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,
your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our

per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

ORDER OF SERVICE

STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of Life, I confess that I am dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake. Breathe into these dry bones that I may live.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ will come again. By the death and resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ, death has been swallowed up forever. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: *Let us pray.*

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

We find the inspiration to do what Amos did in our sermon text for today, to speak out for God, in the beautiful Gospel truth that Jesus has redeemed us and adapted us to be his own.

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.

⁴He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

⁷In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. ¹⁰This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. ¹²He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

¹³In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. ¹⁴He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 6:

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Jesus sends out his disciples to be a beacon of light, to bring people to repentance and faith for an eternal life in heaven.

⁷ Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. ⁹ They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹ Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Young children may come forward for a brief devotion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Send Forth, O Lord, to Every Place

Christian Worship #572



1 Send forth, O Lord, to ev - 'ry place Swift mes - sen -
2 Send men whose eyes have seen the King, Men in whose
3 To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and
4 Since you have died, your vic - t'ry claim; As - sert, O
5 Arm each one with the Spir - it's sword, The sword of



gers be - fore your face, The her - alds of your
ears his sweet words ring; Send them your lost ones
bro - ken hearts to win, In ev - 'ry place to
Christ, your glo - ry's name; And far to lands of
your own death - less Word, And make them con - qu'rors,



won - drous grace, Where you your - self will come.
home to bring; Send them where you will come—
bring them in Where you your - self will come.
pa - gan shame Send men where you will come.
con - qu'ring Lord, Where you your - self will come.

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. ¹¹This is what Amos says: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil.”

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, “You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. ¹³But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple.”

¹⁴Then Amos responded to Amaziah: I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”



Keep The Light On!

- God still speaks to the world.
- God still speaks through his people.

OFFERING

Those who wish to give an offering today may place it in the offering plates near the door when exiting the chapel after worship.

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshipping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship or scan the provided QR code to do so now.



OFFERING SONG

Goodness, Love, and Mercy

By Chris Tomlin

INSTALLATION OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF AND CREW LEADERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Preserve your Church, O Lord, for your name's sake, in your righteousness and answering in your faithfulness. Since you have sent us forth in this world to testify to your Word, let us find conviction and confidence in our confession, that salvation is found in the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Sustain the preachers you send, O Lord. Make them bold to proclaim your Law against sin, and grant that your Spirit would work powerfully in that Word to humble the proud, and bring them to repentance that they would hear the Gospel and receive the forgiveness of sins won for them by Christ. Vindicate all who suffer for continuing steadfast in their callings and keep us from despising your Word of correction. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Bless us this week, O Lord, as we share your Gospel at Vacation Bible School. Give us joy in our work and place peace in the hearts of those who hear and lean your Word. Please use our VBS to bring children and their families closer to you and to know you as their God and Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: You have blessed us, O Father, in your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins. As you have sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit for an eternal inheritance in him, bring us now in repentance and faith to receive your Son's true body and blood, to be strengthened to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

STAND

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

Christian Worship #241



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought
 Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -



through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es



pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 bless - ed flood And as his bride se - lect - ed.
 Bride - groom brought, Made us his cho - sen na - tion.
 more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

STAND

M: We give thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. Grant that we may live as your people now and as your guests forever at the marriage feast of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24

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

C: Amen.

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