Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Pentecost 8

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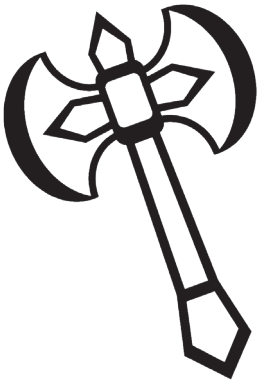
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 (Year B)

When humanity becomes complacent in the ways of God, we fall into sin and disobedience. God told Amos he was setting a plumb line in Israel. The plumb line showed the reality of sin and unfaithfulness among God's people. Even though Herod was the Jewish king, he showed no faithfulness toward God. Herod did not fear God; rather he feared that John had returned in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.



This Week's Scripture Texts

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15 — **The Plumb Line**

In anger, God commanded Amos to tell Israel that he would never again pass by them with his forgiveness and mercy. Instead, the Lord would set a plumb line in the midst of the people Israel, exposing their crooked ways. Even though Amos pleaded with God for his people's salvation, God was adamant about never rescuing them ever again.

Psalm 85:(1-7) 8-13 — **Restore Us, O Lord**

The psalmist sang of hope for restoration to God's good favor. "Don't be angry with us forever," he cried in lament, "but revive us so that we might praise your name."

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 — **Spiritual Blessings**

Through Jesus Christ, God has granted us every spiritual blessing, including redemption, forgiveness of sin, grace upon grace, and knowledge of his holy will, as well as an inheritance for eternity. All this is given to us, who were chosen before the earth's foundations, so that we might live in praise of God's glory.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29 — **Herod's Fears**

When King Herod heard of all that Jesus was doing among the sick and poor, he feared that the one he put to death had been raised from the dead. Some in the crowds had been saying things like, "John the Baptist's power is in him (Jesus)," and word got back to the Jewish king, who feared they might be right. Mark recalls the story of John's demise at a birthday party at Herod's residence.

Suggestions for the Day:

- *Liturgical Color: Green*
- *Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed*
- *Bring in a plumb line for worship to use as a visual aid to describe the vision God gave to the prophet Amos. Some children may never have heard of or seen a plumb line. Note that the metal weight at the bottom is called a "plumb bob." What modern variations of the tool do we have today?*
- *How is the Word of God the plumb line for believers?*
- *How is Jesus' saving life, death, and resurrection a plumb line for sinners?*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	---	---	---	697	248	248
I Lay My Sins on Jesus	305	---	606	---	---	web
Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice	299	---	---	594	171	171
Jesus, Lord and Precious Savior	---	---	---	556	176	176
Great is Thy Faithfulness	---	771	809	733	211	211
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	535	---	940	414	13	13
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	499	---	686	807	227	227
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	526	---	802	834	40	40
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	294	---	575	596	192	192
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	198	---	621	490	80	80

*The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles:

Build My Life
(CCLI# 7070345)
10,000 Reasons
(CCLI# 6016351)
Forgiveness
(CCLI# 6423944)
I'm So Blessed
(CCLI# 7167000)
House of the Lord
(CCLI# 7168995)

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