Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introit ***Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b***

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

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During Holy Communion we will be offering the Common Cup, and Individual Cups.

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to receive our Lord's true Body and Blood we:

†**REPENT** of our sinful nature and our sinful acts;

†**BELIEVE** that Jesus lived the perfect life to shed His Blood for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin;

†**BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. Therefore, the bread and wine are not merely symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus, but are joined to the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood given and shed for us;

†**INTEND** by the power of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's holy and perfect will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who are one in Church confession and faith join us at the table of our Lord. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. **Children and adults desiring to come forward for a blessing are encouraged to do so.** If you have questions or if you would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with the Pastor prior to worship. Thank you for honoring the sacredness of God's altar and our Lord's Table.

Sermon Notes:

First Reading *Revelation 6:9–11*

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been
slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with
a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and
avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then they were each given a
white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants
and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had
been.

Epistle *Romans 6:1–5*

Dead to Sin, Alive to God
1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no
means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were
buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united
with him in a resurrection like his.

Holy Gospel *Mark 6:14–29*

The Death of John the Baptist
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.