

GRACE AT HOME



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

FALSE PROPHETS

“I will give them integrity of heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove their heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh.” – Ezekiel 11:19

What kind of tree are you? Are you an apple tree? Maybe a spruce? Maybe you have been in the church so long that you are one of these bristlecone pines that have been around for thousands of years. Jesus talks about trees today – both good and bad. Do you worry about your tree-ness? Is the story about you being a better tree? Or is it about Jesus being for you?

Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.
un - til with you I will one will to do and to en - dure.
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 26

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 7:15-23

“Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. You’ll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can’t produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So you’ll recognize them by their fruit. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’”

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. What does a healthy tree produce? What does a diseased tree produce?
2. What does a good preacher produce (preach about)? What does a bad preacher produce (preach about)?
3. What does God give us to tell good preaching from bad preaching? Where does He give us His Word?
4. What is the will of Jesus’ Father in heaven? What does He want? (Read 1 Timothy 2:4)

5. What does God say about people who do good works but don't believe in the true faith?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We beseech you, O Lord, grant to us the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, would be enabled to live according to your will; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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DAILY READINGS

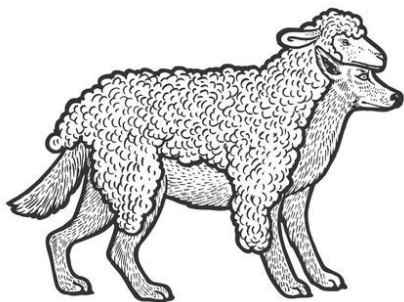
Monday - Matthew 23:1-15

Tuesday - Matthew 23:16-28

Wednesday - Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday - Psalm 53

Friday - 2 John



CATECHISM CORNER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

How can eating and drinking do all this?

It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, given and shed for you for the remission of sins. These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.



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Trinity
false
diseased
Word
ministry
destroyed
Christ

repentance
wolves
fruit
prophet
Lamentations
trust
Lord

Jeremiah
healthy
preacher
Jerusalem
judgment
promises
hope

Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. – Psalm 26:3