



LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE EIGHTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Eighth Week after Trinity is green.



Trinity
false
diseased
Word
ministry
destroyed
Christ

repentance
wolves
fruit
prophet
Lamentations
trust
Lord

Jeremiah
healthy
preacher
Jerusalem
judgment
promises
hope

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What to listen for during the service?

Your pastor calls God's people to repentance too, like Jeremiah did. In what part of the service do we confess our sins?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:15-23

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 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?

People of the Bible: Jeremiah

The Old Testament reading today is from the book of Jeremiah. But who was Jeremiah? Jeremiah was a prophet in the Old Testament and his ministry is recorded in the Book of Jeremiah and Lamentations. His ministry lasted over 40 years. Jeremiah told God's people to repent of their sins and warned them of God's judgment. Jeremiah encouraged the people to turn away from their evil ways and return to the promises of God so they do not receive God's punishment.

Jeremiah went through inner struggles about his calling to preach to God's people, feeling a lot of sadness and despair. God told Jeremiah to tell the people Jerusalem would be destroyed and it was destroyed as God said. Many people were upset with Jeremiah's preaching of God's Word, and wanted to hurt or even kill him. Jeremiah trusted God's promises through all the hard times during his life and had hope in his faith.

Hymn – "In God, My Faithful God"

- 1 In God, my faithful God,
I trust when dark my road;
Great woes may overtake me,
Yet He will not forsake me.
My troubles He can alter;
His hand lets nothing falter.
- 2 My sins fill me with care,
Yet I will not despair.
I build on Christ, who loves me;
From this rock nothing moves me.
To Him I will surrender,
To Him, my soul's defender.
- 3 If death my portion be,
It brings great gain to me;
It speeds my life's endeavor
To live with Christ forever.
He gives me joy in sorrow,
Come death now or tomorrow.
- 4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
You suffered death to save us
Because Your love would have us
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.
- 5 "So be it," then, I say
With all my heart each day.
Dear Lord, we all adore You,
We sing for joy before You.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise You yonder.