



God's Prophets call:  
"Repent!"

July 14, 2024



# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

## **Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** God gives his called messengers his Word; they must trust him to care for them and to cause his Word to work. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 238, Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let  
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor  
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; He  
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to  
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -  
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my  
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments  
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.  
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.  
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.  
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

#### **Amos 7:10-15**

Then 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 his words. <sup>11</sup> This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."

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

<sup>14</sup> Then 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. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

### PSALM OF THE DAY: 78

*Read responsively*

M: O my people, hear my teaching;

**C: listen to the words of my mouth.**

M: I will utter things from of old,

**C: what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

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M: We will not hide them from our children;

**C: we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.**

M: The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob

**C: and established the law in Israel,**

M: so the next generation would know them,

**C: and they in turn would tell their children.**

M: Then they would put their trust in God

**C: and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

## SECOND LESSON

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

*“In him,” “in Christ,” and “through Jesus Christ” is the glue that holds together Paul’s extended prayer of thanks for the Ephesians’ faith, which God worked through “the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.”*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

<sup>4</sup> He 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 <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the ones he loves.

<sup>7</sup> In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. <sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. <sup>10</sup> This 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.

<sup>11</sup> In 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. <sup>12</sup> He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

<sup>13</sup> In 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. <sup>14</sup> He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God’s own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia! The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.  
Alleluia! (*Deuteronomy 30:14*)

*Stand*

## **GOSPEL**

### **Mark 6:7-13**

*Jesus sends out the Twelve to preach repentance.*

Jesus called the Twelve together and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts.<sup>9</sup> They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area.<sup>11</sup> 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.”

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

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON: Faithful Amos**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 545, Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit**



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it On your  
 2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them For your  
 3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish Our dear



ser - vants now, we pray; Let them all be faith - ful  
 pre - cious lambs to care; But to pros - per in their  
 chil - dren with your Word, That in con - stant love they



shep - herds That no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure  
 call - ing, They the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them  
 serve you Till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less



teach - ing to pro - claim, To a - dore your ho - ly  
 wis - dom from a - bove; Fill their hearts with ho - ly  
 bless - ings, Lord, be - stow On your ser - vants' work be -



name, And to feed your lambs, dear Sav - ior,  
 love. In their weak - ness, Lord, be near them;  
 low Till by grace to them is giv - en



Make their aim and sole en - deav - or.  
 In their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.  
 Their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

Text: German hymn, 19th century; tr. Frederick W. Herzberger, 1859–1930, alt.  
 Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

**SERMON**

**TEXT:** Amos 7:10-15

**THEME:** God's Prophets Call "Repent"

*Stand*



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M: O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross, we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins. We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he still and always intercedes for us.**

**Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may display his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.**

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Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity robs us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the ill, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Special prayers*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.**

*Be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN: 525, The Son of God, Our Christ



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,  
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare  
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,  
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



Shared hu - man life and toiled through-out the day;  
These ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;  
To fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,  
May each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,  
What - e'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,



From com - mon folk he called his friends to be  
And with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought,  
De - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name  
And in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,  
And we will glad - ly give for him our best



Co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.  
The Church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.  
And show - ing mer - cy to the sick and lame.  
O - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.  
And find each task di - vine - ly sent and blessed.

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### Summer Bible Class

Bible class (on Luther's Large Catechism) meets from 9:15-9:45 each Sunday morning, with Sunday School adjourned.

### Wine and Word Bible Study – July 18

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying The Apocrypha with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. The study of follows the study guide for *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes* (available from Northwestern or Concordia Publishing Houses and other booksellers). You can also follow the readings at [apocrypha.org](http://apocrypha.org). Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

### Family Night Closes VBS This Friday – Everyone Invited

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the close of VBS this Friday, July 19, starting at 6 at Trinity. There will be a sing-along and a free supper for everyone, along with special treats. Please come and join us to thank God for another great VBS, and to enjoy some time together.

### The Return of “Chosen” Night

Hey! Hey! Chosen Nights are back! Each Wednesday night from July 24 through August 28, a potluck supper will start in the Fellowship Hall at 6, followed by an episode of “The Chosen” and a brief discussion. Everyone is welcome. Please bring some food to share if you're able to. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Please speak to pastor if you have any questions.

### Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

### **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

### **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



## Repent and Realize God's Love

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20220302/>

What if a limousine with the seal of the President pulled up to where you live, and a nicely dressed man in uniform got out of the car with a message from the President just for you? Would you be excited about hearing the message? Wouldn't it be awesome to be a messenger for the President, or a king or queen? The President would make a decision and send you to go tell others. You would deliver their words in person! People would listen to you like you were a king or queen or the President. That's what we call being an ambassador.

Now, let me tell you something very cool. God considers you ambassadors of Jesus Christ. You represent him and deliver messages for him from his Word. God made you his child through baptism, you have all the blessings of forgiveness of your sins, heaven for your eternal home, and good work to do here and now. As Christ's ambassadors, you have an important message share with others. Here it is: "Be reconciled to God!" Sometimes it is difficult news to deliver when we or others are caught in a sin, or when we've broken God's commands and need to tell God, "I'm sorry." But here's the good news: Jesus took our place on the cross and suffered for our sin. God gives us Jesus' perfect life and accepts us because of him. We have peace with God. This is the message we get to share with people after we show them their sin: God loves you! God says you are forgiven for your sins in Christ Jesus! This isn't bad news. This is the best news! God sends you to share it with the people in your life.

You may not get to pull up in a limousine or wear a fancy suit or dress, but the message you carry is from our God and Savior. You are his ambassador so all of us repent and realize God's love.

## Questions to Consider

- What is an important message your mom or dad wants you always to remember?
- What good news do you know about Jesus that is worth sharing?
- Repent means to turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. Give two ways our parents help turn you away from sin to Jesus.
- How does an ambassador for the President act? Describe how you want to act as an ambassador for Jesus.
- What makes it difficult to be an ambassador for God.
- Evaluate: While it would be hard to hear, I would want my friend to correct me if I am caught in a sin.

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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.