

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18th, 2021



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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VBS TREASURED: Discovering *"You're Priceless to God"*. If you or someone you know think they missed out on this year's VBS ... start smiling! It's online, which means you can access it from our church website (www.christlutheransc.ca) until the end of August. You can even watch one day each week until the end of August (which gives more time to memorize the bible verses!) To receive the "special pack" which includes all 5 Bible Verse Memory Buddies, materials for the 5 crafts, ideas and extra supplies for the games, simply register your child by emailing secretary@christlutheransc.ca or by calling the church office at 905-685-8294 or Louise at 905-329-8579 and we will help you make arrangements to come and pick it up from the church.

Dear Lutheran Young Adults of Niagara: We have a great opportunity to connect with other Lutheran Young Adults around the world and learn from one of the most renowned and tender-hearted Lutheran theologians today. This year's Corpus Christi Conference for European Lutheran Young Adults is being held online, July 30-31, and it is free. Dr. John Kleinig, of the Lutheran Church of Australia, will be speaking on "Sharing in God's Holiness." You can register online at www.corpuschristi.eu and find more information. If conditions under the current pandemic allow, we could gather together at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary on the campus of Brock University to participate together. Contact Pastor Kurt Lantz pastorlantz@cogeco.ca if you would be interested in getting together. "What happens when people no longer have a sense for God's holiness, when they live as if nothing was sacred any longer? They are unable to enjoy Him and His goodness in the church and in the world. In these two sessions I intend to examine the surprising teaching of holiness in the Bible and show how the triune God purifies us from spiritual pollution and shares His holiness with us through His most holy Word by the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments in the divine service, so that as His saints we can have access to His holy presence together with His holy angels and serve Him as His holy priests already now here on earth." Pastor Lantz

Last Sunday Attendance: July 11th, 2021 10 a.m. – 58

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current:	271,175.00	5,214.90	2,351.00	104,815.04	(42,493.35)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	233.00	9,497.50	(1,271.73)
Property Improvement:			86.00	3,160.50	

FLOWERS FOR ALTAR: If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign your name at the back of the church or email: secretary@christlutheransc.ca. Cost is \$25/bouquet

THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN: The Canadian Lutheran is available to read online at: WWW.CANADIANLUTHERAN.CA

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC: It's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate even when you are not comfortable attending service.

1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS: Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing at:

http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96 and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church-Canada, East District Corporation
275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3
Attn: Darryll Holland

2. BY MAIL: cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church
140 Russell Ave. St. Catharines, ON L2R 1W1
or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA: Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church:

<https://lutheranchurch-canada.tng-secure.com/?pageId=donation-edit&categoryId=10972>

select "St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ).

This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021

FIRST HYMN:

“There’s A Wideness” [Song Of God Eternal Saviour tune]
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There’s no place where earth’s sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven.
There’s no place where earth’s failings
Have such kindly judgement giv’n.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God’s Word,
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.
F. Faber, 1854, public domain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Friends in Christ: our Lord Jesus said to his apostles: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you proclaim them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain.’

Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God, our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against you, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which you know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased you, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.

Receive the forgiveness Christ Jesus Himself has won for you by His passion, death and resurrection. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and give us your Spirit of life.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and give us your Spirit of joy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and give us your Spirit of peace.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD

(Salvation unto us has come tune)

With joyful heart your praises bring
to God the fount of blessing;
his everlasting goodness sing,
his holy name confessing.
Our God let all creation bless;
he is our aid in all distress:
O bless his name forever!

Praise God, who from the cross and grave
has sent his Son from heaven;
his death, that did the guilty save,
eternal life has given.
He has redeemed our souls from hell;
now we with God in peace can dwell:
O bless his name forever!

Praise God, who by his Spirit's light
to faith in him awakes us;
and with his gifts of grace and might
he strong and steadfast makes us.
His word sheds light upon our way;
his grace inclines our lips to say:
O bless His name forever.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, You have made Your loving purpose known to us through the good news of Your salvation in Christ. Make us faithful witnesses to the truth, so that those who hear may believe and be united with all the saints in glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

Old Testament: *Jeremiah 23: 1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

[St. Paul writes:] So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Spoken Gospel Verse *[Ps 89:1]*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: *St. Mark 7:1-13*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he said to them, 'You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, "Honour your father and your mother"; and, "Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die." But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, "Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban" (that is, an offering to God)—then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

GOSPEL HYMN:

"Who Am I?"

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**Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me
Oh, His love for me
Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am
Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me
Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am
I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am
Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am**

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am
Yes I am who You say I am

MESSAGE: **Mark 7:1-13 + "Losing My Religion"**

THE PRAYERS:

Heavenly Father: thank you for your holiness and righteousness, especially as they are present with us in Jesus Christ, to make us holy too. Thank you for your holy prophets and apostles who bring him to us in your holy word. Please bring us and all people to listen deeply to your word. Hear us, O God;
Your mercy is great!

Thank you for the office of the holy ministry to oversee the handling of your word and sacraments. Bless the worship of your church and keep all pastors true to their calling. Help us truly appreciate your great love for us and for those you have given us to walk with in the church, weak and sinful though we be. Help us make your purpose our mission, and so to grow in faith and love. Hear us, O God;
Your mercy is great!

We pray for all victims of abuse and crime, that you would give them comfort and security in Jesus. And we pray for those who have perpetrated crimes, that they would turn from their wrong-doing and serve you. Hear us, O God;
Your mercy is great!

Bring peace to the world and real cooperation between the nations and their leaders in addressing the world's problems. Bring our land to full productivity and relieve those suffering financial and emotional stress in our country. Hear us, O God;
Your mercy is great!

We pray for all people in pain and who are sick. Relieve them, restore their health, and bring them to know your grace even in their adversity and so give glory to you. Be with those among us in special need (*including...*) and others known to us and whom we now name in our hearts... (*brief silence*) Hear us, O God;
Your mercy is great!

Gracious God and Father, when the time was right and according to your good pleasure you sent your Son as the world's Saviour. We ask that you would hear our prayers and grant them according to your wisdom and timing, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, be and remain with you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"I've Got Peace"

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like the ocean,
I've got love like the ocean,
I've got love like the ocean in my soul.
I've got love like the ocean,
I've got love like the ocean,
I've got love like the ocean in my soul.

I've got peace like a river
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got love like the ocean, In my soul.
I've got strength from the Father
I've got hope from the Son
I've got faith from the Spirit, in my soul.

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REV. TODD HOFFFS

Pentecost 8

Scripture: Mark 7:1-13

“Losing My Religion”

July 18, 2021

Tradition.

There's a word with so many meanings and interpretations.

Tradition sounds vintage, organized, tried, tested and true.

It's tradition singing carols at Christmas and decorating a Christmas tree.

It's tradition for the newlyweds to cut their wedding cake at the dinner.

Standing and singing for the national anthem at a ball game is tradition.

Tradition isn't in relation to our 11 AM Traditional service.

Just making a Sunday church service available IS a tradition.

Whether it's traditional or contemporary has more to do with custom, preference, and style of the music. Last week I was called upon to do a graveside burial for an 88 year old ward of the province.

The cemetery burial details were the only attendees. I offered Scripture, prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Every one of them, old and young, removed their hats, bowed their heads and joined in with praying.

That's a tradition not seen very often. Cultural traditions have changed immensely in the last 20, 30 years, and very quickly in this last year of pandemic. People have learned to live without many public things we deem as tradition. It's made us all re-look at our priorities and what we hold dear.

The religious leaders in Jesus' day were nervous that tradition was changing. What they held dear and felt was of highest importance was slipping away. In Jesus' time, the system of the scribes and Pharisees offered complex rules and standards that were added to the Law of God.

Which was the 10 Commandments and the Holy Days [Passover, Yom Kippur, Sabbath,]

Under the guise of piety and Law-keeping they bound the consciences and hearts of the people of God.

So that if you didn't give proper honour to ALL 613 rules, you were unholy before God.

Washing hands and feet and dishes and cushions, not just for personal hygiene but for ceremonial purity – to become “clean” before God. This practice of additional man-made standards created a culture where people could feel outwardly religious and spiritually empty.

When God established His relationship with the people of Israel, He declared certain things “unclean.” Certain foods, certain activities, certain people, and certain animals were all declared by God as “unclean.” Daily life created many ways to become in contact with unclean things.

So you had to be cleansed in the temple. God was doing this to remind them that he and he alone could declare what was “unclean and clean.” God alone could cleanse them from their sins, sins that separated them from a holy and righteous God. And the religious leaders didn't hesitate to point it out when people weren't keeping the traditions.

This got turned into that before God could accept you they felt you needed to clean up you act.

Does it matter? Well, we've always done it that way before.

That's the rigid language of tradition. But that's also where tradition goes all wrong.

In the Hebrew sense, tradition means “giving over” an important teaching or ritual.

Tradition isn't supposed to mean that things never change. Its passing on a treasure handed down from one person to the next, from one generation to the next,

Like a family recipe or a prized family heirloom.

Like the baton in a relay race where the goal is to hand on that baton cleanly to the next runner.

The treasure of tradition is simply FAITH. Which is God's gift to you.

A delicate gem from your past which gives relevance in the present for your future hope.

That's the point of tradition. Faith. When tradition becomes the sum and substance of religion

When rituals or habits or certain ways or ceremonies or methods can't change in our minds,

Then those become more important than the God they bring to us.

The religious leaders angrily pointed it out to Jesus when His disciples dared to eat with ceremonially unclean hands. And they expected Jesus' approval. He's a rabbi. He needs to get his disciples in line. Peter, wash your hands. You too, James and John. And while you're at it, clean those pots and pans, you don't know who touched them." But Jesus turns the tables on them and quotes a bit of Isaiah in their direction: These people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from. In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men." Nothing should stand in peoples' way when it comes to accessing God's Grace. When outsiders approach the church doors, thoughts that they aren't good enough, knowledgeable enough, worthy enough or perfect enough to come inside often repel them away. Think of the times new people and strangers approach the church doors. Many of these outsiders are rightly critical of the church they hear about in news headlines that symbolizes only judgment and intolerance. For we who are insiders, long time believers, Lutherans, we often pass unknowingly through the doors seeking our own traditions. But returning back outside, we insiders feel we must fold up our Christian faith into a tiny bundle and hide it in our pocket or purse until we return to the church and take it back out. Insiders hide their faith in a compartment that is accessed only when gathered with other Christians in the church building. We search high and low for programs and activities that will attract and encourage outsiders to become insiders. By doing so, we neglect the most critical factor: our baptismal calling as members of the body of Christ to take our awesome faith out of its hidden compartment and share it through our words and actions in our everyday roles and relationships. And when we do, as the Spirit moves us, we leave tradition behind and cling to faith. God doesn't want us just getting hooked onto traditions, customs, new or old, just because. Nor should the church become rule police of cultural life. The Pharisees took note who followed the traditions and who didn't. Who washed their hands and who didn't. Jesus says, well, here's a tradition for you. The commandment of God says, "Honor your father and mother," which also includes taking care of them according to your ability. But if you had a fortune and you didn't want to part with it, even if your parents needed it, you need only yell KORBAN in the synagogue or temple and it was spoken for. KORBAN is literally a gift to please God. KORBAN allows a person to get financially off the hook from giving it to those in need and lays it at God's feet in the temple so that it goes back into the giver's hand. What HYPOCRISY. And God was supposed to like this, because the sacrifices were for Him in the end, so how could He possibly not like that? It's terrible. Thinking God needs our sacrifices. God isn't a grump we need to pander to with things He Himself helps us attain. He doesn't work that way. We have nothing to give. He only desires faith. That's all He wants. Faith. Trust in His Word and promises. "I desire mercy not sacrifice." He says it over and over again in the OT. Jesus repeated it to these same Pharisees. I desire mercy not sacrifice. Mercy directed to the neighbor in need. Mercy to those we love. Mercy to the broken stranger on the street corner. Mercy to the least and lost and lowly. Mercy to sinners, forgiveness to those who have wronged you, mercy even to those who disagree with you or attack you. See, it's not so easy now, is it? Lip service to God. That part's easy. Just say the right words in God's direction. But mercy to those whom God has put around you, not so easy. Faith-full hearts from which flow mercy and love toward others. When tradition takes over, we become preoccupied with what we are doing for God rather than what God has done and is doing for us. The Pharisees missed it. With all their religious rules and regulations, with all their ritual washings, with all their traditions, they missed the one needful thing. They missed Jesus. JESUS is the point of it all. The heart of the Old Testament, Martin Luther himself says the Bible is the cradle holding the Christ child. We dare not miss the most wonderful thing God has ever done, and will ever do, for the world – the sending of His beloved Son in the flesh to be our savior. The great good news that Christ came to save all sinners. That God comes with His Spirit and moves all of His people into faith and belief and discipleship to love and serve with the rest of us. That He came to redeem sinners not the proud or arrogant. That He came to raise the dead not the living. But some didn't miss this. Like the ones opened up in their hearts to encounter Jesus and treasure His tradition -- His rule of love to seek and save the lost.

It's all about what God in Christ is doing for us – Living for us, dying on a cross for us, forgiving us, washing us, feeding us. His Word, His Baptism, His Body and Blood. Real cleansing only comes from outside, from above, from God, from the Son of God who became our Sin in our flesh and died our death on a cross. That's the focal point of a life in Christ. Not in ourselves, nor in what we do but in Jesus and what He has done. And yet through His Spirit, are cleansed and set free.

We are called to be Christ out there→

As we can close the gap between what we do when gathered behind church doors and how we live when sent beyond these doors in Christ's name. Worship practices are life practices.

Confessing our sins trains us for the practice of telling the truth. Singing songs and hymns forms us to thank and praise God. Hearing God's word centers us in the gospel for every life circumstance..

Confessing the creed speaks our core beliefs and offers the GOOD tradition to pass on to other generations. The prayers both bring our concerns to God and commit us to responsibility

in caring about the people and needs for which we pray. At the Lord's table, we discover unconditional mercy and hospitality that becomes our way of life. When we're sent out into the world, our worship practices will have shaped us for discipleship in daily life. As you begin to share, witness and testify about how your Christian faith makes a difference in the world. This transforms us into the body of Jesus where being church means living out our Christian vocation in everything we say and do. And it begins to look like people speaking authentically about the difference Jesus Christ makes in all life circumstances.

And we are living out our baptismal calling Not because it earns us anything Or makes us feel better being busy Or builds up our egos....

It means our faith is active and living and God is bringing the growth.

It means we are Jesus' vehicles of faith connecting to people who need us.

That we are there for them

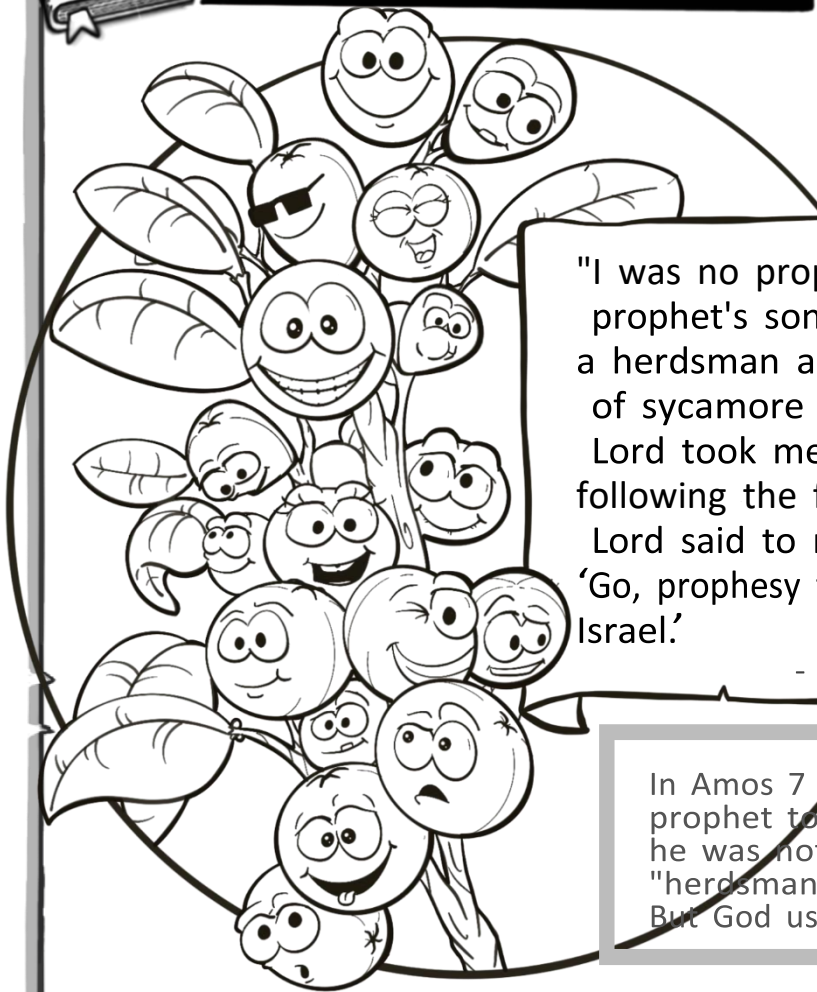
And the Holy Spirit will help us not allow our own little traditions new or old to get in the way of making FAITH The only tradition worth passing along.

Amen.



Kids Lectionary Learning
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Bible Lessons
Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29



"I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

- Amos 7:14 (ESV)

Today in our Bible lessons we learn about Amos, God's prophet to Israel. We listen as Paul tells us of the blessings we have in Jesus Christ, and we learn of the death of John the Baptist. ,

In Amos 7 we read of Amos who was God's prophet to Israel. We see Amos stating that he was not always a prophet but was a simple "herdsman" and "dresser of sycamore figs". But God used Amos to do His amazing will.

Colour the figs as they grow on the Sycamore branch and as we grow in God's love.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14
Word Search



BLESSED	RICHES
GOD	WISDOM
LORD	WILL
JESUS	GLORY
LOVE	SEALED
GRACE	PRAISE

N P R A I S E P P J U F I R C
 U J R X L O R D G W V E K Y Y
 W F J R I C H E S S E A L E D
 W G N W G B B O O M L G D R N
 I K P G U J L M L A O L L Z A
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"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,"

- Eph. 1:4



Kids Lectionary Learning
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 6:14-29 (ESV)
CrossWord

In Mark 6:14-29 we read the sad story of the death of John the Baptist.

It is sad when we hear of people being hurt or dying. Jesus and His love and forgiveness are given to us freely, even when bad and sad things happen.

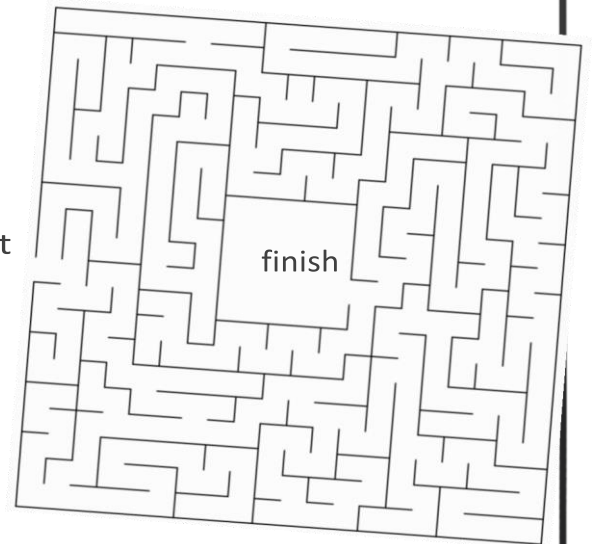


Across

- The king was exceedingly _____ after having received the request to kill John the Baptist? (Mark 6:26)
- Who is the king mentioned in Mark 6:1?

Down

- Herodias had a _____ against John the Baptist? (Mark 6:19)



start

finish

Hughie the Highland Steer sometimes feels sad when he hears of bad things happening and people being hurt. But God gives us His peace and blessings in Christ even when we are sad and know others are hurt. And we give thanks to God that He is there for His people even in hard and sad times.

"In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,

- Ephesians 1:7

Can you colour Hughie the Highland Steer?