

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford (cancer); Roy Kincaid (recovering from surgery); Aiden Snyder (recovering from surgery); Amy Burgland (recovering from surgery); Lane Burgland (recovering from surgery); Jim Lambert (recovering from surgery)

THANK YOU for keeping Aiden in prayer. He came out of both heart surgeries very well! -from Micah, Tiffany, Aiden, Bob & Linda

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was a success! Many thanks to all who helped and all who attended! Look for photos in the August newsletter and mark your calendars for our next VBS: Tuesday, August 11, beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck supper.

THE OFFERING PLATES will not be passed but will be carried forward to the altar at the usual time.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERMONS will continue to be available on the website. Full worship services will no longer be posted.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS of you or your family with Pastor Burgland over the years? We are hoping to create a large photo collage for the retirement party. Drop photos at the office or contact Becky Gump.

CALENDAR

M-W Jul. 27-29	Pr. Mullet @ Conference in WI
Wed. July 29	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. July 30	7:30pm Bible Study
Sun. Aug. 2	8:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Holy Communion
Tue. Aug. 4	6:30 / 7:00pm Elders / Council
Tue. Aug. 11	5:30pm VBS
Sun. Sept. 13	Picnic / Sunday School / Retirement party

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: August 2 / Trinity 8

OT: Jeremiah 23:16-29

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:15-23

EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-17

HYMN: LSB 745

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *“You will recognize them by their fruits”* (Matt. 7:20). The *“fruits”* of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.