

## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact an Elder.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Mourning** + Family of Donna L. Harms + Family of Beverly A. Saathoff + Family of Linda Mewes **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + June Rose + Kay Krueger + Rick Ressel + Mary Ann Ressel + Patty Whitten + Jenny Brogan + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Ministers: Liturgist: Rev. Jack Kirk Preacher: Rev. John Schmidt  
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
Altar Guild: Aug. Diane Gundlach, Dianne Stutheit Sept. Shannon Blakley  
Ushers: Aug. Walt Irmner Sept. Craig Weseman  
Elders: 8/11 Roger B. 308-390-3484 8/18 Dale G. 308-641-6658  
Bus Drivers: 8/11 Gary O. 402-469-9797 8/18 Harold H. 402-984-9666

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	105
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,540.60
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 6/30/2019 \$ 106,016.87</i>

*For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.*

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.*

*Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Blazer jblazer@lmne.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 11th	9:00am	Divine Service
	4:00pm	Rev. Micah R. Gaunt Installation
	5:30pm	Lutheran Pot Luck
Monday, August 12th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
Tuesday, August 13th	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Board-Finance
	7:00pm	Board-Elders
Wednesday, August 14th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30a Lunch
Sunday, August 18th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class

*Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays/errands. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, ph. 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com*

## Beware of False Prophets

*"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 (Acts 20:27-38). 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.



**DIVINE SERVICE**  
*Setting Four*

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #589

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### Service of the Word

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Kyrie & Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and Collect

Old Testament Reading

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Alleluia & Verse

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Hymn of the Day #745

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Preface & Sanctus

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

#634 #585 #602 #583

Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Hymn #943

Postlude

# News and Notes of Interest

*Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!*

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. Elders

## DEAR FELLOW CHRISTIANS IN CHRIST,

Everyone is invited to share in the installation of Reverend Micah Gaunt on August 11, 2019. Join Peace Lutheran Church in welcoming Reverend Micah Gaunt and his wife Dawn and family to our church with installation service beginning at 4:00 P.M. followed by a Lutheran Pot Luck starting at 5:30 P.M. The church will supply the fried chicken and the LWML ladies will provide the dessert. We would ask that those attending to please bring a vegetable dish or a salad. There will be no bible study on Sunday morning, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Peace Lutheran Church Board of Elders

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace, And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15*

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 8/11 Dylan Wold 8/12 Tammy LeBeau 8/13 Ryan Bohl 8/14 Darrel Bullard, Freida Nelson 8/17 Karen Bauman

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 8/14 Glen Krueger 8/15 Aaron Latta, Bill Novak, Zach Zimmerman 8/16 Brad Bosle

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 8/11 Michael & Carrie Lundquist 8/12 Derek & Amanda Zeisler 8/14 Bill & Lisa Novak

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS of PRAYER** available in the Narthex, copies run July 21-August 31, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**USHERS:** Please prayerfully consider serving months September, October and December for ushers - please sign up or call the Church Office to be added to the schedule. Thanks!

**LIFEQUOTE** “We are to long for the Lord’s coming and His presence. This longing can be cultivated through the Word and prayer. Immerse yourself in the Psalms. ‘Taste and see that the Lord is good.’ He will fill the hungry with good things.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

## DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH...

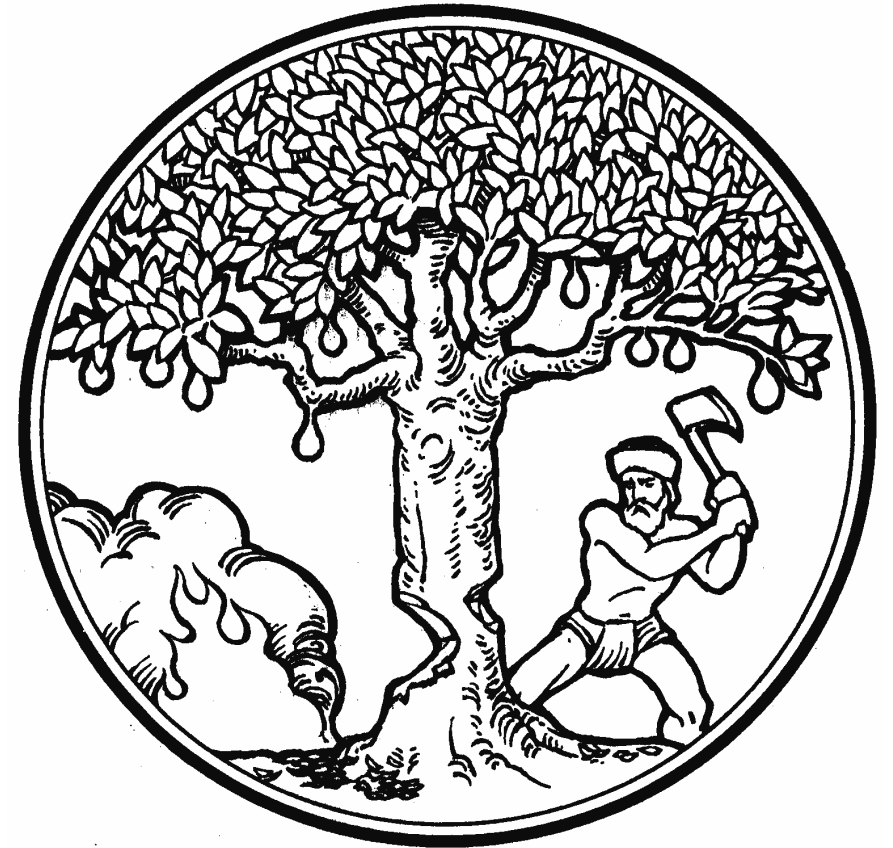
Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: Stephen Hawking’s Final Book “Brief Answers to Big Questions,” Not Peace But Division, The Parable of the Dishonest Manager, The Spirit’s Ministry of Love and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## LCMS Trinity 8

**Matthew 7:17 - “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.”** As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity - we are, as St. Paul says, the “new man in Christ.” Of course, on this side of glory we still have to wrestle the world, the devil, and the flesh. That means our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So, if it’s sometimes a struggle for you to be generous, don’t give up. Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

August 11th  
9:00am



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# Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11 August 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Ps. 48:9-10*)



*We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God, \**  
*in the midst of your | temple.*

**As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth. \***

**Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**

*Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised \**  
*in the city of our God, His holy | mountain.*

**Within her | citadels\***

**God has made himself known as a | fortress.**

*Let Mount Zion | be glad!\**

*Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!*

**This is God, our God forever and | ever. \***

**He will guide us for- | ever.**

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning, \**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

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*in the midst of your | temple.*

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## 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.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 78:1*)

*Be a rock of ref- | uge for me, \**

*a strong fortress to | save me!*

*In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge; \**

*let me never be | put to shame.*

## Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:16-29

<sup>17</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>19</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>20</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>21</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>22</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>23</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>24</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>25</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>26</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>27</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>28</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>29</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has

straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>30</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

## Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

<sup>13</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>14</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>15</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>16</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>17</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>18</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:15-23

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. <sup>21</sup>"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. <sup>22</sup>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?' <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

Flesh, and the fulfillment of all prophecy. His alone are the words of eternal life. (John 6:68b). Do not put your trust in another. Pastors are called and sent by God, but one's faith should never be in their pastor, but only in the Word of God which he is given to speak. Make sure that it is the Word of Christ that you are hearing, the Holy Scriptures that are being proclaimed, and not just some pious-sounding human wisdom. The solid rock upon which the Church is built are the words of Jesus; everything else is sinking sand. When what is preached is not a vision of a preacher's own heart but that which comes from the mouth of the Lord, then you are hearing a true prophet.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

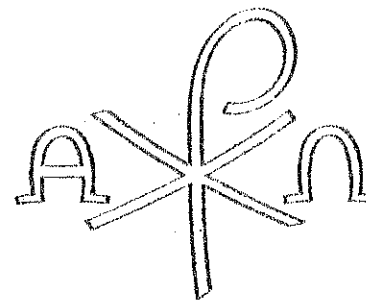
- "[To] do the will of God is not simply to keep the Ten Commandments, and merely render obedience to God. Forasmuch as we can not do this perfectly in this life, it is impossible, that we could boast that we had done the will of the Father; but this is doing the will of the Father, as Christ says, (John [6:40]): "This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (ibid.).

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- Johann Spangenberg asks: "What will be the reward and end of the false prophets? Christ says, 'Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit will be cut down and cast into the fire.' In other words, He says, 'All those who forsake the faith and God's Word and build on their own godliness, works, and merits, and do nothing that God commanded, will be uprooted.'" They may think that they will carry out their deeds and preserve authority, but God prevents those lofty trees from growing in heaven. They reason as follows: 'Behold, we are the beautiful, fruitful trees planted in the Christian church. God must spare us and fence and hedge us about and give us the best care...' But they do not see what sentence Christ passes on them, namely, that the axe is already laid at the root of such unfruitful trees, that they will be cut down and cast into the fire; and, 'All plants that My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted' (Matt. 15 [;13])." (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 274).



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## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Derrick C. Brown

### Collect of the Day:

Grant to us, O 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. Amen.

### Introit:

Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14 (antiphon: Psalm 48:9-10) – Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

### Psalm:

Psalm 26 (antiphon: v. 12) – I will bless the LORD

### Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 23:16-29 – *The Lord's rebuke against Israel's lying prophets*

### Gradual:

Psalm 31:2b, 1a – *In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.*

### Epistle:

Romans 8:12-17 – *Heirs with Christ*

### Verses:

Psalm 78:1 – *Alleluia. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! Alleluia.*

# Matthew 7:15–23 ESV

## Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the Apostle and Evangelist around AD 50. This is a portion of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount.

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

- This warning must be read and taken within its context. It is part of a sermon that Jesus preached to a large crowd of people. (Matthew 5:1–7:28). He wasn't giving instructions only to a select few, an elite group of men on whom the Church would rely for instruction. He was talking to the whole Church. He was talking to every man, woman, and child who wears and bears the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — both upon their head and heart.
  - God has indeed established and instituted an Office in the Church for the teaching of His Holy Word and the administration of His Sacraments. The incumbents of this Office—usually referred to as the Office of the Ministry or the Pastoral Office—are charged to preach the gospel, administer the sacraments, teach the whole counsel of God, and watch over the flock committed to their care.
  - Still, a pastor can only serve what God has entrusted to Him to serve. He cannot believe for another. He cannot think for another. He cannot get inside of someone's head and turn their thoughts from lies to the truth. The person who is most responsible for your spiritual care—that you receive the truth and are protected from lies that would destroy your faith—is you. Thus it is to you—the individual Christian, whomever you may be, that Jesus says, "Beware of false prophets."
- "[When] a Christian is attentive, and has no more than the catechism, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Word of the Lord, Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, he can well defend and maintain himself against all heresies. For the Lord Christ here commands, and gives power to all Christians, to be judges over all doctrines, and enables them to understand what is right and wrong. For thou must be as sure as thou livest, that this is the word of God; yea, even more certain, or else it is not possible to holdout. But no man can judge false teaching but the spiritual man. (1 Cor. [2:15]): 'He that is spiritual judgeth all things.'" (Martin Luther, *Explanatory Notes on the Gospels*, 25).
- Who are these false prophets, these wolves in sheep's clothing of whom our Lord is referring to?
  - They are not those who blatantly deny that God is triune. While they are indeed false prophets and teachers, those who deny the triune nature of God are merely heretics seeking to overthrow the Christian Faith — for there is no salvation apart from faith in the Triune God.
  - Likewise, those who openly deny who Jesus is are not the false prophets of whom the Lord warns against. While those who reject what is plainly taught

in God's Word and confessed in the creeds — that Jesus is true God and true man, are indeed false prophets and teachers, yet again, such are merely heretics who seek to overthrow the Christian Faith — for to deny that Jesus is God is to deny God and His Word, and thus to call Him a liar. Of such, Christ Himself says elsewhere: "If you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24 NKJV).

- Those who profess to be Christians, such as Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, and Unitarian Universalists, yet believe, teach, and confess contrary to God's Word, boldly and blatantly denying the Holy Trinity and the true deity of Christ, while such are indeed false teachers and prophets, they are not the savage wolves that Jesus warns of here. No, for these heretics, these followers of the devil are wolves in wolves' clothing. Their treachery is plain, and thus easily recognizable.
- Rather, the false prophets of whom the Lord Christ warns of are far more dangerous, for they appear to be harmless. False prophets don't advertise themselves as false prophets; they don't appear as wolves. They appear as sheep; they wear the clothing of sheep. They portray themselves as insiders who are defending the truth against error. They claim to come in the Lord's name, preaching and teaching the Lord's words.

<sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits.

- A true prophet preaches repentance. A false prophet will teach people to justify, rationalize, and overlook sin.
- A true prophet preaches justification by grace through faith. A false prophet will teach that one needs to live a holy life, be a good person, and follow various rules and regulations established for such "right living", in order to be saved (or at least in order to prove one is saved).

Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

- Regarding "bad fruit", Luther has this to say: "This is primarily not said of outbreaks and palpable sins; but really of the fruits of false doctrine, which indeed have an attractive appearance, and yet, in truth, are not good." (*Ibid.*, 26).
- How can you be sure of who a true prophet is? Well, to begin with, there is really only one true Prophet, and that is Christ Himself. He alone speaks the words of God without flaw and without fail. He is the Word of God in the