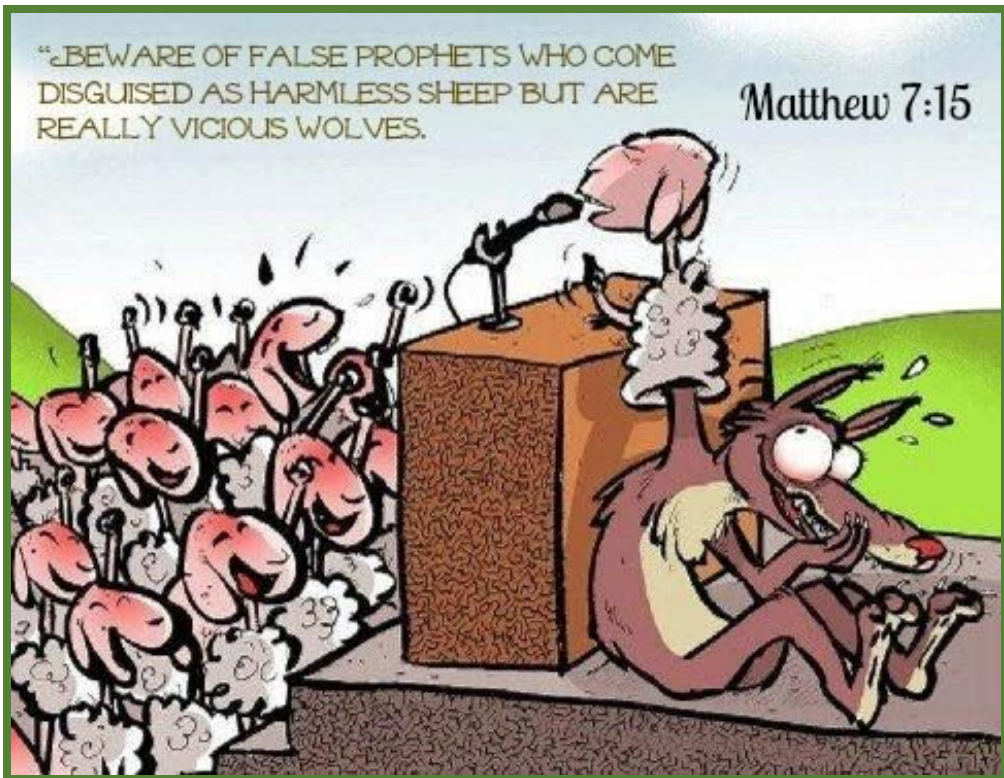

**HYMNS AND LESSONS
FOR
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
02 AUGUST 2020**

“BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS WHO COME
DISGUISED AS HARMLESS SHEEP BUT ARE
REALLY VICIOUS WOLVES.

Matthew 7:15



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Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speaking it was done. For created
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

Stand

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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The first hymn for today is the great 20th century Lutheran hymn *Thy Strong Word*. This hymn was written by Martin Franzmann while he was chairman of the department of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Franzmann was a respected scholar, teacher, and theologian, and his gifts shine in this hymn. The text is based on the motto of the seminary, “Anothen to Phos”, which means “light from above”. The hymn takes the idea of light, beginning with creation, and takes it all the way to its fulfillment as we worship the Triune God with all the company of heaven in the splendor of God’s glory.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus 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. ¹⁷They 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.'"

¹⁸For 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?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The 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.

²¹"I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But 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.

²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can 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. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who 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? ²⁸Let 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. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
 3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;
 4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,
 5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
 I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
 It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.
 You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us
 Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
 To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
 He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.
 Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.
 Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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This hymn has been ascribed to Sigmund Weingärtner (17th century), but that authorship is in doubt. Whoever penned this text wrote lines of great hope and comfort for Christians. When everything appears dark with troubles and woes, then the faithful Triune God is the only one who can be trusted. When all we see is our grief, then we look to Christ who bore our grief in all meekness through his life and death. By his death and resurrection believers in Christ will be raised, "[w]hen ends this life of sadness." Thus, saints cry out, "Amen," that is, "So be it!"

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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

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



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
 2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
 3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
 Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
 Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,

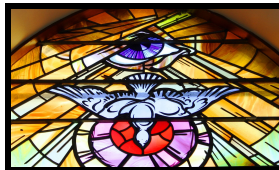


The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
 O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
 Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
 life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "hear our

prayer".

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all baptized believers, that they would think on the steadfast love of God and praise Him for the salvation they have through Jesus Christ, which they receive via His Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

For faithfulness to God's Holy Word among the pastors called to preach and teach it, that false doctrine would be recognized and rebuked, and pure doctrine would be taught and received for the edification of all who hear, let us pray to the Lord:

For an increase in faithful church workers, that the Good News of Christ's perfect life, sacrificial death, victorious resurrection and glorious ascension would be proclaimed in all parts of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

For the Holy Spirit to turn the hearts of all false prophets and pretend believers, that they would be led to repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

For all life from the womb to the grave, that it would be cherished and protected, let us pray to the Lord:

For humility among the faithful, that they would interact with the world as sinners who have been redeemed by Christ the crucified, not out of pride or arrogance, let us pray to the Lord:

For those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would steer clear of self-promotion and focus on the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

For the sick and suffering, and for all who desire our prayers, *especially Abai, Alice, April, Bonnie, Carmen, Charles, Charlotte, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Lois, Irmgard, Jod, Jonathan, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Philip, Rex, Rodgers, Royce, Susan, Susie, and Tom*, that they would receive healing, comfort and be strengthened to endure, according to God's gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

For the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in Jesus, including our own dear *Claudio Miller*, let us give thanks to the Lord; help us to look to You in our time of sorrow, and bless all who mourn this death, that we would, by God's grace, remain steadfast in the faith until we are brought to join him and all who have gone before us in the feast that never ends, let us pray to the Lord:

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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Synod Sentences for Trinity 8

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves” (**Matt 7:15-23**).



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 know them by their fruits.” The “fruits” of a true prophet are not outward

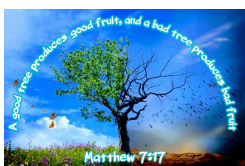
righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (**Rom 8:12-17**), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the church of God which He purchased 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.

A Life Thought from [Lutherans For Life](#)

The relaxing lies our culture prophesies cannot even approach our Lord’s promises (Jeremiah 23:16-18). We speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and gladly (Jeremiah 23:28-29), though it earns us persecution, because He sets great joy before us. In this faith we will sit around His throne with the cloud of witnesses His Word saved. *Lamb of God, You have given me Your people’s crown of life; forge in me Your prophets’ faith.* Amen.

A Stewardship Thought for Trinity 8

Part of our readings for today is 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.

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From Martin Luther's Sermon for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 7:15-23

We should well consider this passage, for Christ our Lord here commands and gives all Christians the power to be judges of all doctrine, and He gives them power to judge what is right and what is not right. It is now well on a thousand years that this passage has been perverted by false Christians, so that we have had no power to judge, but had to accept what the Pope and the councils determined, without any judgment of our own. Now this Gospel here overthrows the very foundations of popery and of all councils, for we are not bound to keep what the Pope commands and men decree. Therefore I say again, firmly grasp what this Gospel teaches, for the authority has never been given either to the Pope or councils, or anyone else, to sit and determine what is faith. For Christ says: "Beware of false prophets." Either the Gospel lies, or the Pope and councils do. Christ says we have the right to judge all doctrines, and whatever is proposed for us to keep or to reject. Here the Lord does not speak to the Pope, but to all Christians. And as the doctrine is proclaimed to all: Whatsoever ye would that men should do to

you, do even so to them;" so likewise the words exclude no one: "Beware of false prophets." From which it clearly follows that I may indeed judge of the doctrine. Hence I can say: Pope, you together with the councils have resolved, and now I have to decide whether I may accept it or not. Why? Because you will not stand and answer for me when I die, but I must see to it myself how I stand before God, so that I may be certain of my fate. +

The Lord knew that
wherever God builds a
church the devil will
build a saloon or tavern
at the side of it.



Martin Luther

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