

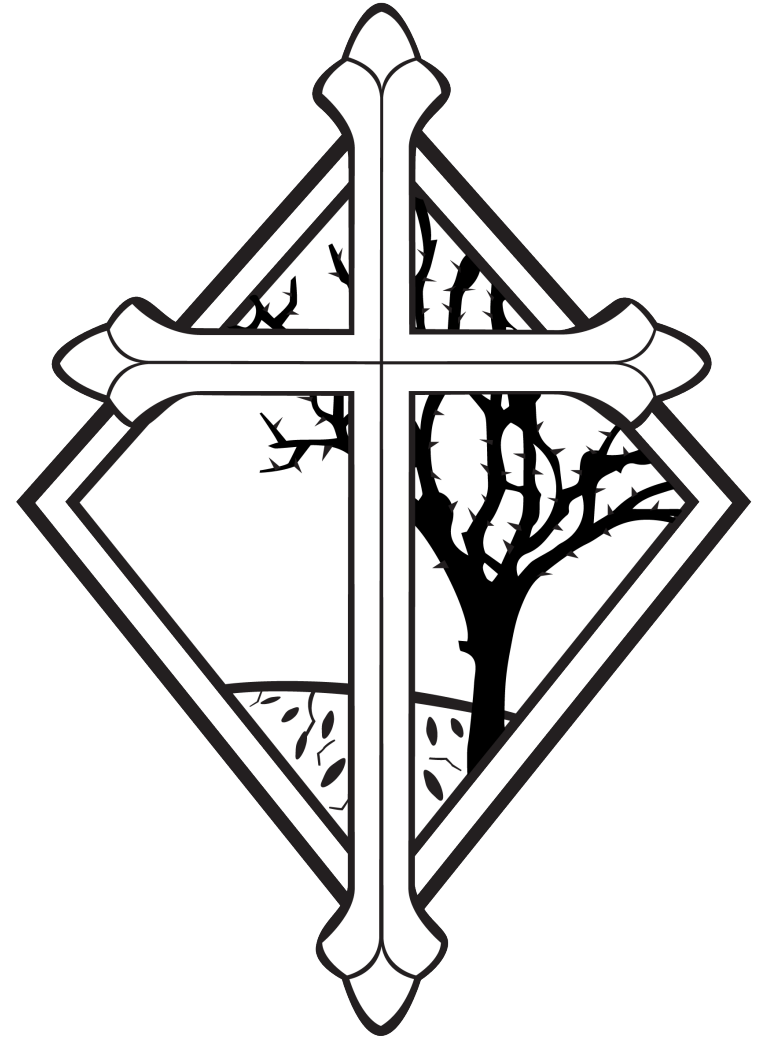
Old Testament Connections

Even the unparalleled wisdom of Solomon did not keep him from imitating other monarchs of his day – he maintained a harem of a thousand “strange [foreign] women,” most of them from among the nations with whom the Israelites had been forbidden to intermarry. Many of these foreign wives brought with them the worship of their nation’s gods. Solomon would stoop to worship them himself. Because of this God warned him that the kingdom would be split as a result of this gross idolatry which he introduced and promoted. Solomon’s opulent reign became too costly to be supported by foreign tribute, so for the first time a tax was levied from the Israelites themselves. The old sores of tribal jealousy, which had been healing during David’s reign and the first part of Solomon’s, now showed more and more signs of irritation. After all, they were of the tribe of Judah. The northern Israelites, especially the proud and powerful tribe of Ephraim, resented the concentration of power and wealth at Jerusalem. Upon the death of Solomon the secret dissatisfaction suddenly erupted in an open rebellion through Jeroboam, a provincial governor. Only one tribe, Judah, including a section of Benjamin and a large number of Levites, remained loyal to David’s grandson, Rehoboam. Therefore, in place of the glorious united monarchy of David, arose two smaller kingdoms: Israel to the north and Judah to the south. (From *“Old Testament History: A Survey of the Old Testament”* by Arthur W. Klinck, Concordia Publishing House, 1938.)

Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Beware of False Prophets



July 26, 2026 – 9:00 AM | Rite I (p. 41)

*You may find the "Prayers for Worship" on page 40 helpful
for your preparation for the Divine Service.*

I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

** Indicates the congregation may stand.*

1. The Opening Prayer p. 41

*2. The Entrance Hymn

#26 - O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine

*3. The Confession of Sin p. 41 *Form II*

*4. The Kyrie Eleison p. 42-43

*5. The Absolution p. 43 *Form II*

*6. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo p. 44-45

*7. The Salutation & *8. The Collect of the Day p. 45

Let us pray: Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech You, the spirit to
always think and do those things that are right, that we, who cannot do
anything that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live
according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and
forever. ♪ C: Amen.

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

10. Gradual



All: Be my `rock of refuge/
A fortress of de`fense to save me.

In You, O Lord, `I put my trust/
Let me `not be ashamed.

Give ear, O My peo`ple, to My law/
Incline your ears to the `words of My mouth.

Alleluia! Your Word is a `lamp to my feet/
And a light to my path. `Alleluia!

11. The Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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. ^(ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***12. The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 7:15-23**

[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

“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. 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?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.’” ^(ESV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ **C: God be praised for His glad tidings.**

***13. The Apostles Creed p. 46**

14. The Chief Hymn

#441 - O that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

15. The Sermon: 1 Kings 12:26-33

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And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will turn back to the house of David. If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.” So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one. He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own heart. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings. (ESV)

The Chief Hymn

#26 - O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine
stanza 5

*16. The Prayer of the Church p. 48-49

*17. The Apostolic Benediction p. 49

18. The Offering & The Offering Hymn

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose. (#444, stz. 1 & 4)

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*20. The Collect p. 58 *Form III*

*21. The Benediction p. 59

22. The Closing Hymn

#589 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

23. The Closing Prayer p. 59

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Lord’s Prayer: 4th - 5th Petition

✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world* ✠
to shine through our vocations.