

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we draw close to the beginning of a new month, I would like to share with you the gospel passages for our July worship services. (For a complete listing of scripture passages for this month, please see the July/August newsletter.)

The gospel passage for July 4, is Mark 6:1-13. It speaks of Jesus being a prophet. Children with Story Bibles can learn about prophets as they read, "Deborah, A Wise Prophet." The story is found on pages 72-73 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, July 11, is Mark 6:14-29. Children with Story Bibles can read about the prophet Amos. The story is taken from our Old Testament reading, Amos 7:7-15. It is entitled, "Telling the Truth," and can be found in the Story Bible on pages 142-143.

The gospel passage for Sunday, July 18, is Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. The Psalm is Psalm 23. Children with Story Bibles can read about God, who is also called "Lord," and "Shepherd," in Psalm 23. They can read about God's many other names in the story, "What Is God's Name?" They can also read about God and the prophet, Moses, on pages 170-171 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, June 25, is John 6:1-21. Children with Story Bibles can read, "A Boy and His Lunch." While some of the children may have read this story last year, connecting it with our gospel passage for today will be very helpful. It is found on pages 264-265 in the Story Bible.

Please join us each Sunday at 9 a.m. for worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. (Note: a joint service with Peace Lutheran may be held at the park in Wilton on July 25.) If you have family and friends visiting, bring them with you, as together we give our praise and thanks to God.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy