



Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

9:15 am

Fourteenth Week After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

vs. 1, 3 & 4

"Gather Us In"

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

A reading from Deuteronomy.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is
right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no
evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit
upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they
honor those who fear the LORD. They have
sworn upon their health and do not take back
their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor
do they take bribes against the innocent. Those
who do these things shall never be overthrown.

A reading from James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but

their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Parent(s) and sponsor(s) gather with the pastor at the font.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

+ In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsor(s) present(s) the child:

S We present *Oliver Michael* for baptism.

+ Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have ***Oliver Michael*** baptized into Christ?

P We do.

+ As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with ***Oliver Michael*** among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

+ Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

P We do.

+ Sponsors, do you promise to nurture ***Oliver Michael*** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

S We do.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

+ People of God, do you promise to support ***Oliver Michael*** and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

The congregation stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

+ I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

+ Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

+ Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

+ Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

+ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

+ Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

+ The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

+ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea

you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

The congregation is seated.

BAPTISM

Water is poured on the child's head, as the pastor says:

+ **Oliver Michael**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The congregation responds with the following:

C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

The pastor continues:

+ Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the pastor prays:

+ Sustain **Oliver Michael** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

With oil the pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

+ **Oliver Michael**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A sponsor lights a candle from the Paschal Candle:

+ **Oliver Michael**, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The pastor and the baptismal group face the congregation.

+ Let us welcome **Oliver Michael**, the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their seats for the Prayers of Intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response is:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

vs. 1, 4 & 5

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Pr. Justin Smoot
Cheryl Allen - Assisting Minister
Joel Freiberg - Pianist
Tina Spiegel - Layreader & Vocalist

Technical Support

Ryan Josiger
Travis Puig
Joel Freiberg
Bob Wiederhoeft

Holy Communion

All are welcome. The communion elements are available on the table in the Narthex along with a plastic bag to dispose of the empty cup(s) following communion which can be placed in the waste can as you leave the Sanctuary. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

Baptism—9:15 am

Oliver Michael, son of Benjamin and Kelsey LaVaque. His sponsors are Geralyn Wilkosz and Dylan Alwin.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Sue and Pat McFaul in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary; and by Jim and Diane VanEyck in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Rally Day and Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 12

The day will begin with worship at 9:15 am —***NOTE: There is only one service which will also be livestreamed.** Bring your lawn chairs to the east parking lot for worship which will include presentation of bibles and blessing of backpacks, students and teachers as a new school year begins. Following the service, enjoy outdoor fellowship, yard games and celebrate the beginning of Sunday school on the Celebration Patio and north lawn with a catered lunch by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. A free-will donation will be received.

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Thank you to everyone who has purchased school supplies and personal care kit items for LWR. The school supplies have all been purchased—thank you!! A large, single donation of personal care kits was just received (thank you!) and we are able to receive and send more! ***Check out the display in the Narthex for more details including a grab-and-go list.***

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be “open to all”. For the many ways you give, thank you. Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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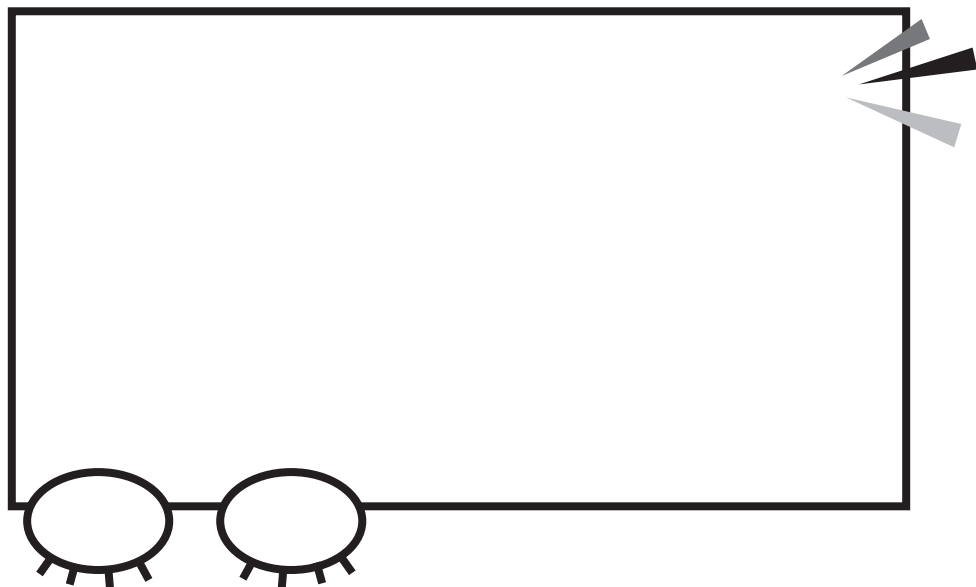
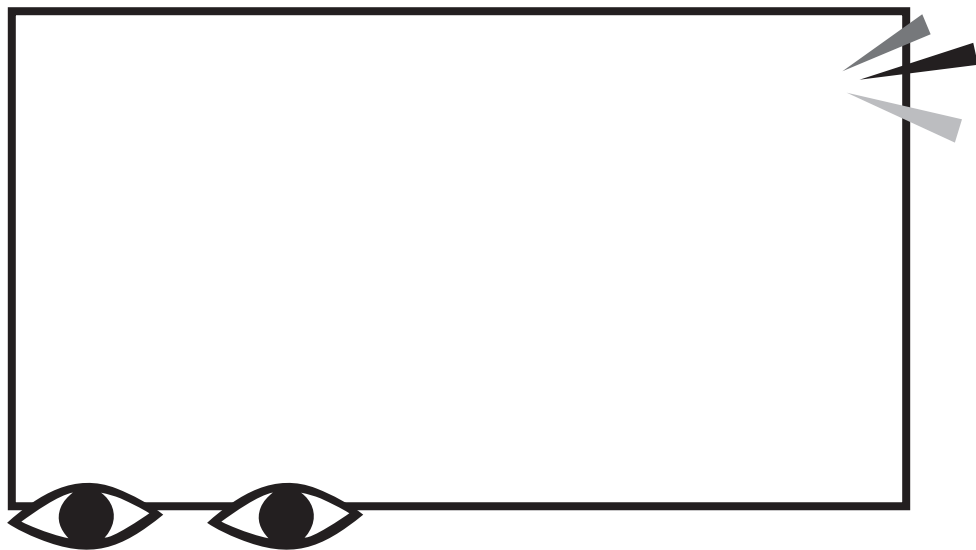
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We remember Jesus' love for us.

Look around your church. Pick one reminder of Jesus love. Draw it with your eyes open. Now try with your eyes closed!



PRE-READER

Pentecost 14

- Today is the **14th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season, we learn about Jesus' **teachings**.
- Jesus teaches us **good things**.
- When we **learn** good things we **do** good things.

Imagine this tree was planted from an apple seed. Draw some of the good fruit that will grow on it.

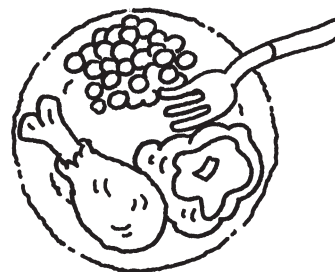
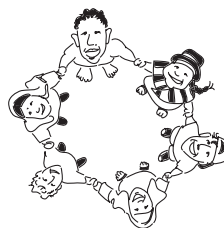
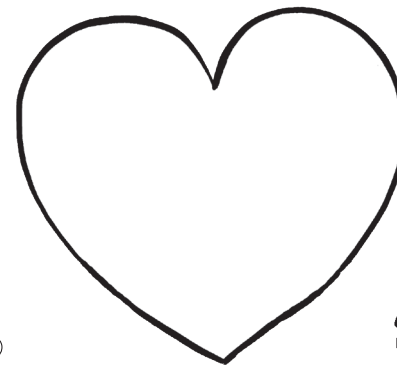
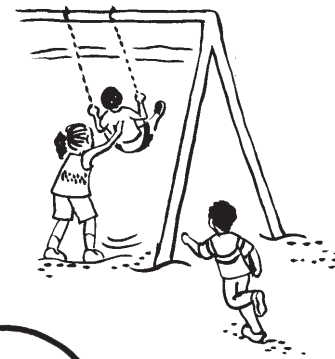




Care for others.

When our heart is filled with God's love, we can do loving things.

Connect the heart to the good things on this page.



Commandments to Follow

In worship we learn things that stay with us all week. These things help us follow Jesus' example and keep us living in a holy way.

In the space below, draw a map of places you go during a regular day. God's commandments will help you in all of those places.



YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS. Keep God's name holy. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY. You shall not want someone else's belongings. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not use words to hurt your neighbor. You shall not want to take anything from anyone.



READER

Pentecost 14

- Today is the **14th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost reminds us that **God is active**.
- Jesus **teaches** us about **grace**.
- When we **learn about grace** we **live by grace**.

What Sort of Seed?

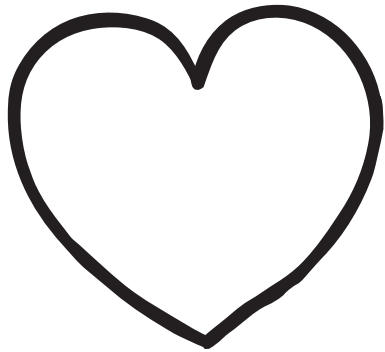
The type of seed you put in the ground is the type of plant that will grow. Transform this tree to grow your favorite food. Draw a picture of the seed next to it.



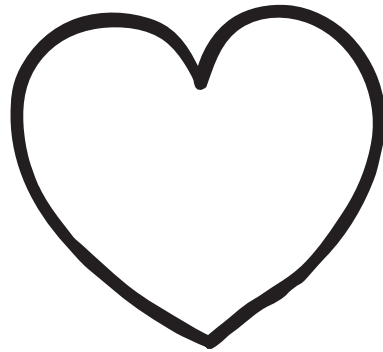
What's in Your Heart

Jesus says to pay attention to how we feel in our heart. Read each sentence. Then make a face on each heart to show how you would feel. Use these symbols to make the faces:

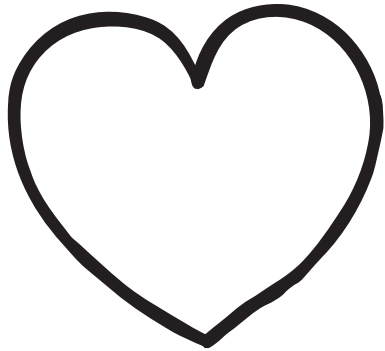
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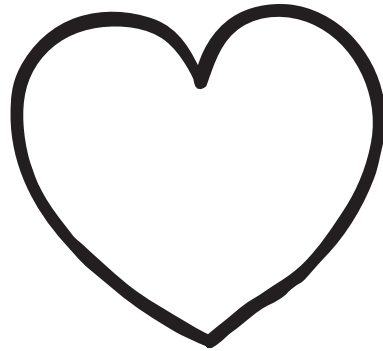
- Someone stole your birthday present



- A friend got 1st place.



- You were picked last.



- You helped rake your grandma's lawn.

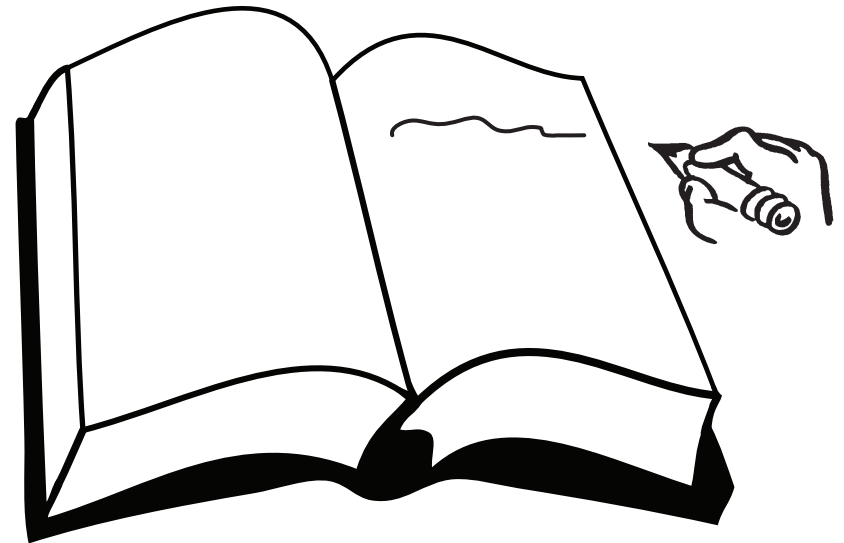
James wants us to do some things quick and other things slow. Circle the correct word from each column.

Memory Verse



You must understand this, my beloved:
let everyone be

Quick to...	Slow to...	Slow to...
jump hurry eat listen hug	yell speak study somersault sleep	move listen chew dance anger



Bible Tip!

When a verse jumps out at you in the Bible, underline it. Think about how it connects with your life. Write the connection next to the verse.

AUGUST 29, 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Maintaining the heart of our Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 7:1-23	Authentic faith
Monday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
Tuesday	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
Wednesday	2 Timothy 3:6-16	A good minister of Jesus Christ
Thursday	Galatians 5:22-26	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	Romans 1:8-15	Prayer for thanksgiving
Saturday	Psalms 15	Who shall abide with God?
Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to act in ways that show your love for us and our love for you and all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for this food and pray that all may have food to eat, a roof over their heads, and security for their daily lives. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's justice and mercy set you free to love and serve others through Christ Jesus our Lord.



AUGUST 29, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

taking† faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a time when you or someone you know said you would do one thing but then did the total opposite.
- How do you feel about someone who tells you something about themselves that is not true?
- What does it mean to you that Peter said that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 7:1-23.

We may be more like the Pharisees and scribes than we would like to admit. They wanted to protect God's teachings and honor God's word with their whole life. They set up all kinds of pious actions like hand washing to represent this singular attention. Jesus called them hypocrites for some of these practices. In the process of valuing and protecting God's importance in our lives, it is possible for us to miss the heart of it all. The Book of James reminds us to keep it simple: care for those in need and keep oneself "unstained by the world" (James 1:27). Even our best efforts at keeping pure will fall short. Jesus reminds us all of our hypocrisy that needs cleansing and forgiveness. The heart of the Christian faith is Christ's grace that places us all in the same need of forgiveness. That, in turn, sets us free to care for others instead of condemning them. In your heart of hearts, what is something that you do that is inconsistent with what you think is right or best?

Pray: **Almighty God, help us to repent of anything that turns our hearts from loving you and caring for our neighbor. In Christ Jesus we pray, amen.**

SERVICE

James tells us to be doers of God's word. In Jesus' time that included caring for orphans and widows. Who are the people that need your help today? School has either started or will start soon. Be aware of those who feel alone and may need a friend. How can you be a doer and not just a hearer of God's word?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes our doing gets in the way of our being. We can miss the joy of daily life while working to save up time and money to enjoy life. It is true of our faith life as well. We can faithfully attend Christian worship and forget to daily pay attention to Christ's love that sets us free. Take time this week to sit in silence and imagine your loving Savior standing in front of you. End by praying: **Thank you, God, for _____.**

