



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 19, 2020

Online Service

Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches

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*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

### Welcome and announcements

**Opening Hymn:** For the Fruit of Creation ELW #679

### \*\* Call to Worship

L: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

**C: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart.**

**I will glorify your name forever! Ps. 86:12**

L: For great is your steadfast love for me.

**C: You have delivered my soul from the depths. Ps. 86:13**

L: God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

### \*\* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, *Rom. 3:23*  
all of which God already knows.

**C: Abba, Father, Rom. 8:15**

**where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; Rom. 8:21**

**restore us as your children and joint heirs with Christ. Rom. 8:16-17**

**You are our hope. Rom. 8:24**

**Lead us in the way everlasting. Amen. Ps. 139:24**

P: Fellow children of God, *Rom. 8:16*

do not fear, *Rom. 8:15*

for our God is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Ps. 86:15*

God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. So be reconciled with God and at peace with one another.

**C: Amen.**

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

## Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

L <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C <sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

L <sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C <sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

L <sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C <sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

L <sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

## Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

## Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgement will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

P: The gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day:** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ELW #597

## Apostle's Creed

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

**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.

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. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sharing The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ, be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Offering**

#### **\*\* Offering Prayer**

P: God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise.

In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets.

As we bring these offerings, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus  
and by the movement of your Spirit in this place.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Charge**

Go into God's world with confidence and hope. God's presence is with you in all that you do. Be those people who plant seeds of comfort and hope. God will bring about the harvest in due time.

**Benediction**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn:** Now Thank we All Our God ELW #840

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