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# **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** **July 19th, 2020**



## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God's field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord's time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure. When Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God.

### **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

LSB 549

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*"Glory to God in the Highest"*

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#### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O steadfast Lord, You are the great I am whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 44:6–8*

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before Me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are My witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 119:57–64*

Leader: The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.

**People: I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.**

Leader: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies.

**People: I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.**

Leader: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget Your law.

**People: At midnight I rise to praise You, because of Your just and righteous decrees.**

Leader: I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

**People: The earth, O Lord, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### EPISTLE READING

*Romans 8:18–27*

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the

Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CREED

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“When I Behold Jesus Christ”*

LSB 542

## SERMON

*“Weeds in a Harvest Field”*

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation.

**People:** **Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts.**

**Pastor:** Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth.

**People:** **Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered.**

**Pastor:** Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life.

**People:** **Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord.**

**Pastor:** Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament.

**People:** **Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name.**

**Pastor:** Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [*names*, and] all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"*).

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**Pastor:** Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith.

**People:** **Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire.**

**Pastor:** Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith.

**People:** **Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

**\*\* 5:30PM SATURDAY \*\***

**HYMN**

***“There is a Name I Love to Hear”***

AGPS 236

*Words by: Frederick Whitfield; Tune: “Oh, How I Love Jesus”, American melody*

1. There is a name I love to hear; I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth. **Refrain**  
**Refrain:** Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus!  
Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior’s love, Who died to set me free.  
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea. **Refrain**
3. It tells me what my Father hath In store for ev’ry day  
And though I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way. **Refrain**
4. It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. **Refrain**

**EVENING VERSICLES**

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**EVENING PRAYER**

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**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

***“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”***

LSB 854  
(sung to tune LSB 461)

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**† 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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**HYMN**

***“Thy Word”***

AGPS 247

*Words by Amy Grant, Music by Michael W. Smith*

**Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

1. When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way Still you’re there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.  
**Chorus**
2. I will not forget your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.  
**Final Chorus**

***Final Chorus: Thy Word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
You’re the light unto my path.***

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**HYMN**

***“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”***

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**BENEDICTION**

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## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### 5:30PM WORSHIP

**Jeff Derksen**

Elder

**Denise Edwards**

Organist

**Pastor Craig Grams**

Officiant

### 9:00AM WORSHIP

**Bill Erck**

Elder

**Sarah Peterson**

Organist

**Pastor Craig Grams**

Officiant

**Mike Beyer**

Congregational Chairman

**Rick Melius**

Head Elder