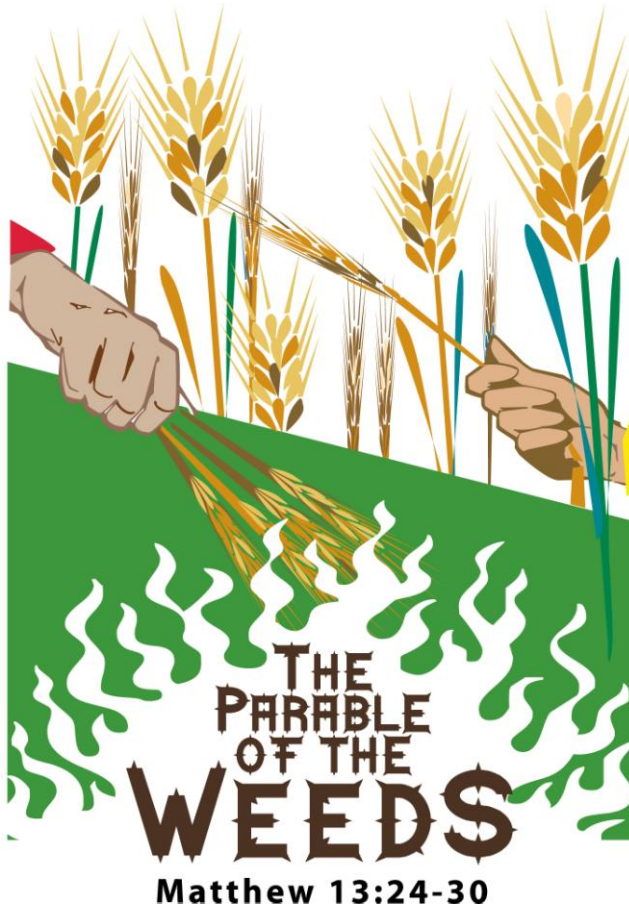


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Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

With the whole creation we groan together in birthing pains, waiting for the redemption of all things. Things are not how they were intended to be. We are not home yet. This sad state of affairs is the result of people who are not God playing God. The devil is in on this, sowing weeds throughout the field of this world. But there is no God besides God the Holy Trinity, not in heaven above nor on earth below—not you, not me, not anyone. The real God has appointed that we and all humanity are saved in hope through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our true home is the kingdom of God introduced by Jesus. Along our journey home, even when we do not know what to pray, our hope is sustained by the intercessions of God the Holy Spirit, whose groanings on our behalf are deeper than words can tell.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-In Service Only)

“Lord of Everything”

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Rock of Ages, bread of heav'n.
Oh the vic'try You have giv'n.
All my sin and all my shame.
Now redeemed in Jesus' name.

REFRAIN:

**Here I raise my hands and sing
To my Savior, to my King.
This simple song is all I bring
To the Lord of ev'rything.**

You are Lord o'er land and sea
Yet from the depths You rescued me
For only one You would have died.
I am that one now justified. **(Refrain)**

To You Lord I lift my soul
Righteousness my only goal
Forever always You're the same
And I will not be put to shame. **(Refrain)**

All creation sings Your praise
A majestic song we raise
Here in awe, here terrified
Yet in Your wonder now we hide.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
To the Lord of ev'rything.

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

People: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

Pastor: Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me

People: what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come.

Pastor: Do not tremble, do not be afraid Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

People: You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

All: *No, there is no; other Rock; I know not one.*

HYMN

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

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The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With his most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my light from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Only God most high,

People: the earth is full of Your constant love, but we have turned away to the many passing loves that grab our attention. We forget that there is no god besides You. We often think we know what is best for ourselves and for others. But we don't. And so we groan in pain with the consequences of our sins. Hear our cry for Jesus' sake and have mercy on us.

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God—the only God—hears your cry for mercy, blotting out your transgressions for His own sake and remembering your sins no more. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, grant us strength of faith that we may live in peace despite the trials or tribulations that attack us. Receive us in Your harvest at the end of this present age; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE: *Romans 8:18–27*

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner's servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

[Henry Alford / George Elvey. Public Domain]

Come, you thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To your final harvest home.
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In your garner to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

SERMON:

**"Life Among the Weeds"
'Sowers; Not Weeders or Harvesters'
*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43***

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For Christians here and around the world, strengthen our faith, that we remain strong and at peace even when dealing with opposition from the world around us. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our community and our nation, raise up leaders in our midst to order our towns and villages, state and nation. Grant them eyes of compassion, justice, decency, and order, so that no one is denied freedom and dignity. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord. use the powers that be to maintain freedom within the borders of the nations and peace between neighboring states, so that calm may prevail and the Gospel spread throughout this present age. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who give care in emergencies and during chronic difficulties, protect, strengthen, and guide doctors and nurses, police and fire departments, our armed forces around the world, relief workers, grief counselors, and untold neighbors caring for those in need around them. Help us to appreciate all their efforts. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Mighty to Save”

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Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.
The Hope of nations.

REFRAIN:

**Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

REFRAIN:

**Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.**

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

(Refrain)

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