

Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
WOV: Bread of Life
Sunday, July 19, 2020

Introduction to the day

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.

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 30)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus 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.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost pit.

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

¹⁵But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your
handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in

gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON & CHILDREN’S TIME

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***APOSTLES CREED (WOV p. 32)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (WOV p. 32)**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways (*regions and nations in conflict may be named*). Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)**

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.

***BLESSING (WOV p. 41)**

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.

Amen

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in celebration of the life of gratitude and kindness of Helen E. Myers, by Rebecca Myers.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 7/26/20

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Bennie, Mary Bailey, Loni Clark, Brian Dell, Linda Eichelberger,
Betty Gaither, Shannon Hildebrand, Don Miller, Jim Ream,
Susette Stallard, Dave Swartz, Earl Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Rev. Marty Young to lead us in worship.

Altar and high altar flowers may once again be sponsored each Sunday. If you would like to sponsor flowers, call (717-235-3276) or email (office@zionglenrock.org) the office to check available dates. A list will be made available to show which Sundays are reserved and which Sundays are open. At this time, there will not be an option to write in your name beside a date. You must contact the office.

Next Sunday is Loose Change Sunday. Our loose change for July will benefit Southern Community Services. SCS provides essential social and support services to low and moderate income residents in southern York County. They assist residents to overcome barriers to a chance at a greater level of independence by educating them in financial literacy and applying for government programs. They assist families with counseling, food distribution and many other areas of need.

Remote worship options are available.

Recorded services and other virtual fellowship opportunities are available on Zion's Remote Worship web page at <https://zionglenrock.org/worship/remote-worship>.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York broadcasts their 11:00am Sunday service on FM 98.9 radio station.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

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FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2020 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,464.00

7/12/2020 Regular Contributions \$ 820.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 0.00

-\$ 55.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 765.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 4,990.12

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2020

Regular Contributions \$ 60,358.04

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 10,238.29

Dedicated Dollars - \$ 11,887.15

Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 58,709.18

Expenses to date: \$ 69,091.12