

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Then the Righteous Will Shine July 19, 2020

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.

**Call to Worship: "Psalm 95"** *Video*

### Welcome/Announcements

### We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *LSB 940*

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

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### Call for Confession

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.

**C** You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**P** Lord of mercy,

**C** we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon Your people whom You have redeemed with the holy and precious blood of Your Son. Guard us against temptation, guide us with the light of Your Word, and give all things needful to us that we faithfully serve You to eternal life.

**C** Amen.

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Christ, our Lord, whom the prophets promised and Mary bore, the Son of God in flesh and blood, as You once reclaimed us from darkness with Your light, so continue to reclaim us from the shadows and darkness of sin. Keep us in the grasp of Your grace that we not depart from Your truth or lose our way but remain steadfast in Your Word to the end of all our days.

**C** Amen.

- P** Lord, have mercy.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, for we have no one in whom to hope but You. Comfort our hearts by Your Spirit that we endure to the day of Christ's coming and shine with the brightness of His true light all the days of our lives until, when He comes again in His glory, the darkness shall give way to light forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

### **God Forgives Our Sins**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

### **Hymn of Praise: "It is Well" *Video***

#### **Greeting**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

- P** Let us pray.

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.

- C** **Amen.**

### **+ God Speaks to Us Through His Word +**

#### **God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet *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."

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle *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 decay 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **God Speaks to Us Through His Son** *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus 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 children 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 close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Children's Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day: How Firm a Foundation** *LSB 728*

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

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### **God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes:**

**"When We Can Only Groan"** *Romans 8:18-27*

#### **Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## We Worship God with Our Offerings

*(Although we are not "passing the plate" at this time, you still have the opportunity to give your offering in two different ways. The easiest and most secure way is to go to our website and give a one-time or recurring offering. Or you can mail a check to the Church Office, attention "Financial Secretary." Psalm 54:6; 116:12-14, 17)*

## Offertory Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

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## Prayer of the Church

**P** 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. 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament. Bless all who preach this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. 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.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Blessings Toward God

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised *LSB 794*

1 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.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My hope, my life 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.

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### Sending: Living Savior Lutheran Church Mission Statement

**P** As we continue this day, let us remember our mission is...

**C** **Making an eternal impact today through the love of Jesus Christ.**

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