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7th Sunday after Pentecost

Let 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.' ”

Matthew 13:30

**Please turn your radio to
FM 90.5**

Welcome

Prelude

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” ELW #694

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: Glory 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew: 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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!”

L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Music will be played after the message. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

(we will add your prayer of thanks.)

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

(we will add your prayer.)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with us always. **C: And also with you.**

Communion

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, *(please lift the body of Christ)* and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me. *(eat the body of Christ)*

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, *(please lift the blood of Christ)* gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me. *(drink the blood of Christ)*

Music will be played. You may hum along.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude "For the Fruit of all Creation"

ELW#679

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We lift our prayers for

*Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson,
Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker,
Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish, Kelsey, Taylor
B, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane,
Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, the
Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T.,
Dan and Sue White, Irene, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole,
Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Kelly Thurman and Kyle, Tom,
Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan
Andersen, Brian Krug, Ben, Linnea, and LOMC. Pray for love,
peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends
of Mark Jensen.*

