



*Explain to us  
the parable of the weeds of the field*

Matthew 13:36

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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This is a Communion Sunday

Sunday, July 19, 2020

We believe that God has called us to...

**R**each Out to All

**E**mbrace His Gifts

**A**nnounce His Coming

**C**ommit to Christian Living

**H**onor His Word

*Communion will be offered on the first and third  
Sundays of the month*

Beginning today, we plan on offering two services through the fall season. Please Note: If it storms we will not conduct the 10:30 a.m. service.

**First service begins at 9:15 a.m.**

We will conduct a worship service inside and outside by using our FM transmitter simultaneously. If you choose to remain in the parking lot please tune your radio to Station 87.9 FM in your vehicle.

**Second service is at 10:30 a.m.**

This worship time will be a parking lot only event. Pastor will pass out the communion meal and be outside during this worship service.

**IF ENTERING THE CHURCH:** *(Due to social distancing please read below)*

1. If you choose to enter the church for worship service please wear your mask apply sanitizer to your hands, so you can sign in.
2. Please use the center aisle to enter the sanctuary.
3. Do not sit in the pews marked off-limits with a thin red rope. No more than two people should sit in a pew unless they are living in the same household.
4. We will dismiss from the rear pews first. Exit using the side aisles. Do not exit the pews using the center aisle unless you are handicapped.

Let's continue to Stay Safe.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**Collect for the Day:** O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Opening hymn - O Worship the King**

**Creed for today—Apostle’s 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.

**Sermon – Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing hymn—Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

*These two hymns are recorded just below the Bulletin Section on our Web Page.—What’s Happening—thanks to the Hymnal Project.*

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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Old Testament - Isaiah 44:6–8**

<sup>6</sup>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.<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.”

**Epistle—Romans 8:18–27**

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

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**Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>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?’ <sup>28</sup>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?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>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.’” . . .

<sup>36</sup>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.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed

## Gospel continued

is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.<sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age.<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,<sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”



**Prayer:** Pray for our country, for those that are sick, for those in need, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders in this time of the virus, and for all of your concerns.

Prayers of Peace, Comfort and Strength for  
The family of Tom Miller who left this earth  
to meet his Lord on July 7th.

## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

#1. We continue to collect a money gift for Pastor Bob. Please mark your envelope accordingly. Originally, we planned on having a potluck lunch while wishing him success in his chosen path for new ministry. However, due to the pandemic this event has been postponed. .

#2. Mission for the Month for July is **Gideons**

#3. Keep in contact with others not able to attend worship. They miss us and we miss them.

#4. St. Peter's received a confirmation letter from the Michigan District authorizing our requested changes to our constitution. Thanks goes to our Constitution Committee for all their dedicated effort. Great job!!!!

## Answers to last week's sermon (7/12/2020) review:

Reveals, Conceals, Comparison, Harvest, Hope, Encouragement, Path, Rocky, Ground, Shallow, Weeds, Good, All, Four, Hearers, Proclaimers, Reaps and Power.

## Today's Sermon Review

### “The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat” - Matthew 13:24-30

#### Second Kingdom parable of Matthew 13

**Introduction:** Where God builds His C \_\_\_\_\_, Satan builds his C \_\_\_\_\_ next door.

#### I. Understanding the Parable

- A. The specific weed is “Bearded D \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 1. Looks exactly like wheat until H \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. P \_\_\_\_\_ plant!
- B. The Farmer's dilemma
  - 1. Risk of destroying the good with the bad.
  - 2. Had to wait to the harvest to S \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The “Point of Comparison”
  - 1. This is NOT a parable about Church D \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. It is a parable of C \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Just as the farmer waits to separate, Christians must wait to J \_\_\_\_\_ Day to know who belongs to God.

#### II. Applying the Parable's wisdom

- A. There is an evil power that wants to destroy God's C \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. It's impossible for us to distinguish who is who.
- C. Though delayed, Judgement W \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_!
- D. Christians Remember.
  - 1. God wants A \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved
  - 2. In Christ, it's never too L \_\_\_\_\_!
  - 3. Refuse to be spiritually C \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. If we fall, God can R \_\_\_\_\_.