

A photograph of a field of tall, golden-brown grasses. In the foreground, there are several dark green, bushy plants with small white flowers. The background is a dense field of similar tall grasses, slightly out of focus. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

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

Matthew 13:36

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather inside the church. For those who are not comfortable entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have for the past several weeks and you are more than welcome to remain in your car. Today is a communion service and it will be station communion due to the restrictions. If you are listening to the broadcast and want to take communion please park on the west side of the church and notify the persons assisting with parking that you would like to commune, communion will be brought out to you. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 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.

Hymn:

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

LBW #448

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
Blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and
the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray;

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: 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 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. ⁸Fear 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."

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:57-64

⁵⁷You only are my portion, O Lord;
I have promised to keep your words.

**⁵⁸I entreat you with all my heart,
be merciful to me according to your promise.**

⁵⁹I have considered my ways
and turned my feet toward your decrees.

**⁶⁰I hasten and do not tarry
to keep your commandments.**

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked entangle me,
I do not forget your law.

**⁶²At midnight I will rise to give you thanks,
because of your righteous judgments.**

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you
and of those who keep your commandments.

**⁶⁴The earth, O Lord, is full of your love;
instruct me in your statutes.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And 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. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴Jesus put another parable before {the disciples}, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And 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?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.’”

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons 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 gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Message

Hymn:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

WOV #771

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear
presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

OFFERING

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith as he comes to us
In his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
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.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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**

Come for the Lord's table is ready.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with
Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Go in peace; serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn #565 LBW

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 7/19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 7/20 Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Finance Team

Tues 7/21

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 7/22

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Thurs 7/23

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

***Committee Reports Due**

Fri 7/24

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

***Newsletter Deadline**

Next Sun Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m. Worship



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

General \$2,775.00, MOM \$140.00, Building \$40.00, Reno. \$125.00 **Total: \$3,080.00**

UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st & 3rd Sunday. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. A letter with these specific guidelines has been mailed out, emailed, and is posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



Mission of the Month of July



NALC disaster Relief/ Michigan Flood House Project

Mission Statement

The NALC is refurbishing a home that was severely damaged in the floods where over 11,000 homes were destroyed. This home belongs to an 80 year old couple who have no significant means of support. The gentleman of the couple is suffering from stage 4 Lung cancer. The money will be used to feed the teams of workers who have volunteered to do the work on the project and for materials that are not donated. They have many youth teams who have signed up to work along with the other volunteers. This is the first such project for the NALC.

Sunday School News



Come Join Us for Some Fun in the Sun!!!

St. John's Lutheran Church's Sunday School is hosting a Pool Party at the Meyersville Country Club in leu of Vacation Bible School. We are inviting all parents and students to join us for a fun filled gathering and a brief parents meeting. And please bring a friend to join in the fun!

When: Wednesday July 29th

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

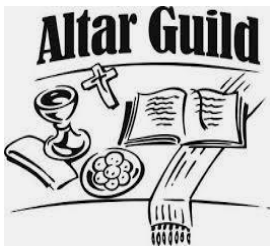
Where: Meyersville Country Club

5195 Mission Valley-Meyersville Rd, Cuero, TX 77954

Pizza and Bottled Water will be provided

Please RSVP to Laurie at 361-277-2418

Hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer! Sunday school does not meet in the Summer, but will hopefully resume in August. Our prayer is that when Sunday school does resume, we will have a full house! Prayers for all during this time.



ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA

One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. Please contact Carol Ann Sagebiel or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc. Thank You.



Quilters Service Project needs any unwanted sheets. Please put them on the table on the stage in the Parish Hall. Thank you.



New Office Hours for Pastor

Pastor John will have new weekly office hours at the Parish Hall every Tuesday & Thursday. The hours are as follows:

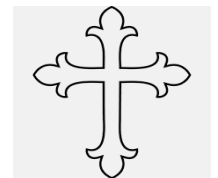
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Please note: Pastor's NEW email: jboor25@yahoo.com*

NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting towels for the month of July. Please bring colored towels only. Thank you.



Special Prayers for Cole ~NEW UPDATE~

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.



+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

A Prayer for Protection During the Coronavirus

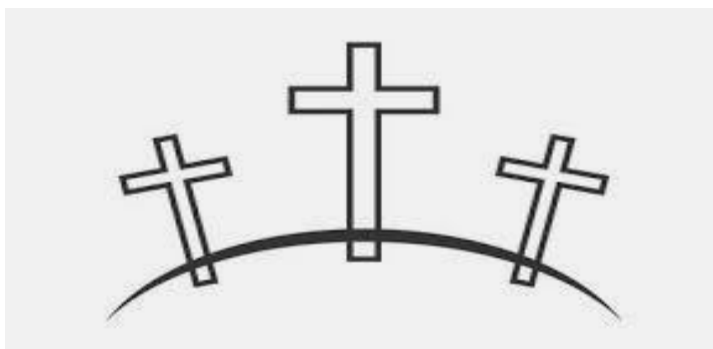
Lord, we admit that we are afraid. The spread of the Corona virus is happening rapidly and throughout the world.

We pray for healing for those who are sick. We pray for those who have lost loved ones into death. We pray for protection. We come to your throne of grace asking for you to stop the spread of this virus. We ask that our family, loved ones, and communities be protected and not become sick.

We pray for medical providers. We pray for leaders, government officials, and those in authority that they would have the knowledge and desire to make decisions in the best interests of the people they serve. We pray for those in the media, that they would give us the information we need without creating needless fear or panic.

Lord God, you are in control of all things and we place our lives into Your hands.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray,
Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979) Or Linda Ruschhaupt (361-275-4990) or the Pastor. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Egypt
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL, going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army Aviation Flight School
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Cliff Jacob

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow



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Pentecost 7

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (Year A)

Paul uses the image of labor pains to describe how the entirety of God's creation is stretching and growing. God is birthing something new through Christ Jesus, and the culmination of that will be visible when he returns in glory. Growth can be a hard process, as Jesus teaches his disciples. Good seeds are planted only to be surrounded by weeds sown by an enemy. Even so, God is in control of the creation.