

Holy Love Lutheran Church
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Sunday Worship Service



**The Parable of
The Weeds**

*Seventh Sunday
After Pentecost*

July 19th, 2020

With Pastor Kari Reiquam

Lector: Kathy David
Cantor: Pam Engel
Music: Nancy Collins
William David

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE: SCRIBIN PRELUDE OP. 37 NO. 1
Performed by William David

GREETING/OPENING PRAYER

WORD

Psalm 86:11-17

*Please join our cantor in singing the response below with your device muted.
The response will be sung where indicated.*

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Reader:

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.
For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

Cantor/ Congregation Response

Reader:

The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.
But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be
put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Cantor/ Congregation Response

First Reading: Romans 8:12-25

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And 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?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 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.'"

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

SENDING

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

CHANGE MY HEART , O GOD. ACCOMPANIED BY NANCY COLLINS

Please join us by singing along at home. Please keep your audio muted..



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Introduction to Life's Transitions

Please stay with us after service today. For the remainder of July, Pastor Kari will be holding a series of Transitional meetings to move our congregation forward titled “Introduction to Life’s Transitions”.

Today's topic of discussion Sunday will be “The Neutral Zone”.

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