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**Sunday Worship**  
8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

**Sunday School &  
Bible Class**  
9:15 a.m.

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

**Matthew 13:36**

## Divine Worship Setting One LSB 151

**HYMN: LSB 527 "O Savior, Precious Savior"**

### INVOCATION:

*This is the day which the Lord has made*  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

*We make our beginning In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*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.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

*Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By His authority, as a Called and Ordained Servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

*Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;*

**listen to my plea for grace.**

*Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;*

**unite my heart to fear your name.**

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,*

**and I will glorify your name forever.**

*For great is your steadfast love toward me;*

**you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

*O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,  
and they do not set you before them.*

*But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,*

*slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*

**Glory be 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.**

*Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;*

**listen to my plea for grace.**

**KYRIE:**

**P** *In peace let us pray to the Lord*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** *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.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**P** *The Lord be with you.*



**C** *And al - so with you.*

*Let us pray.*

*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.*

**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*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."

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be To God**

## GRADUAL

*Romans 11:33, 36*

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*

*How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.*

*To him be glory forever. Amen.*

## EPISTLE LESSON:

*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 firstfruits 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.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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 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.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN:** LSB 831 “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard”

**SERMON:** “Witness To A Suffering World”

**Pastor William Zeige**

## APOSTLES' 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** “Lord Have Mercy”

### LORD’S PRAYER:

*Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

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.

### BENEDICTION:

**P** *May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.*



A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 850 ‘God of Grace and God of Glory’