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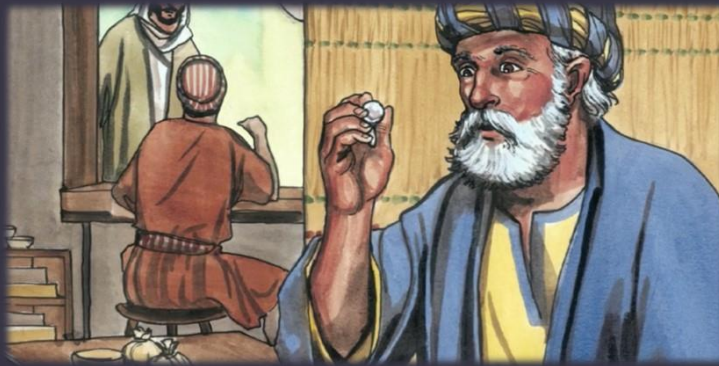
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Matthew 13:44-52

July 26, 2026

“TREASURES OF GOD”

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Leader: Jesus famously teaches, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (*Matthew 6:21*), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He, vastly, treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Leader: The Lord set His love on you and chose you.

People: **Know therefore that the Lord is God.**

Leader: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded. Supply our hearts with faith and secure us in the victory of Jesus the Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

People: **We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.**

People: **Almighty God, we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus, our Lord.**

Leader: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

People: **"He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"**

Pastor: Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Opening Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory" – LSB #850

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6 – 9

Reader: This is God's Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:28 – 39

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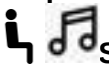
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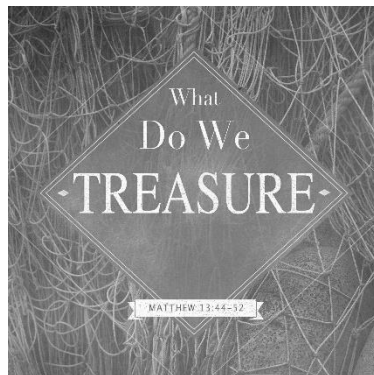
Gospel Reading: Mathew 13:44 – 52

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: "For the Fruit of All Creation" – Songbook #74



Message: "Treasures of God" – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

 **Apostles' Creed – (*speak together*)**

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.

The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

Lord's Prayer:

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.



WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE



Closing Litany: "Not Height nor Depth"

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Leader: Not height, nor depth, nor death, nor life Can separate us from

People: **The love that God has shown to us In Jesus Christ His son, In Jesus Christ His son.**

Leader: In all creation there is not A force which can divide

People: **God's people from His saving love, Who in His grace abide, Who in His grace abide.**

Leader: For we are more than conquerors Through God's forgiving love,

People: **And nothing in creation can Prevent our life above, Prevent our life above.**

Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Closing Hymn: "In Thee is Gladness" – LSB #818



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM – Join us after service today for the Adult Forum or Monday mornings at 9:30 on Zoom for our Adult Forum. Look for the ZOOM invitation in your email.

SERVING IN THE LORD’S FIELD TODAY: **SERVING IN THE LORD’S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels
Comm. Assistant: **No Comm.*
Ushers/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken
Reader: Linda Sotto
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Cecilia Bowman*
Counter: Dan Bastien
Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

Lay Leader: Beverly Erbel
Comm. Assistant: Beverly Erbel
Usher/Greeter: Sherrald McMurray
Reader: Don Erbel
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Chuck Rancancio
Counter: Dan Bastien
Fellowship: Sherrald McMurray

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: Dorothy Morris

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken’s*) and LTJG Charles Gremmels (*Grandson of Nelson & Shirley Gremmels*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Max Newman – Prayers for successful stem cell transplant.

John Hutson – Prayers for continued recovery from heart surgery.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for kidney transplant to become available soon, for successful treatment for his neuropathy, and successful hernia surgery.

Joy Bloom – Prayers for comfort and peace.

Eddie Hailey – Prayers for completely restoring his ability to walk again and healing his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray’s brother*).

Fern Johnson – Prayers for her continued health.

Carmen Rancancio – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.



First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6 – 9

⁶ “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Second Reading: Romans 8:28 – 39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel: Mathew 13:44 – 52

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

