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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

A Little Luther: Today's quote is from a sermon on the Gospel lesson. "To sow good seed and to put up with tares growing among the wheat is a very disgusting business. To preach the Gospel in truth and purity, then to see all sorts of fanatical sects arise and yet not to strike at them with force but to fight against them with the Word alone, is a hard thing to do. Under such conditions everyone would like to pull up the tares, as these servants wanted to do. But Christ says: No, "let both grow together until the harvest" (Matt. 13:30). He means: If you cannot win the sects by preaching and cannot convert them with the Word, then you must not extirpate them with the sword either." WLS ¶ 3290

Our Focus today is on the Gospel lesson, the parable of the weeds among the wheat (Mt. 13). The world likes to point to the divisions within Christendom and the moral failures of Christians as evidence against the truth of the Gospel. Jesus warned that the devil will be at work near Christians. Our duty is to not grow discouraged but continue to proclaim the Word of God.

Order of Worship
Service of Prayer and Preaching LSB 260

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

8:00 & 9:15 a.m.

♪Opening Hymn: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.**
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.**
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

Stand

- Δ4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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10:30 a.m.

♪Baptismal Hymn: “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

LSB 592

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.**
- 2 Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly:
“You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit.”**

3 Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.

4 Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.

Order of Baptism for Otto Brian Hass

LSB 268

5 Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

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Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents
of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

♪“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

LSB 940 sts. 1, 5

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

**5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

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Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

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 decay 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, 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 children 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 close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

LSB 892

- 1** Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2** All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

**3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.**

**4 Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.**

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Sermon “Weed or Wheat?”

Pastor Buchhorn

♪Hymn: “Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

LSB 773

**1 Hear us, Father, when we pray, Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.
By Your Spirit’s Word convey All that we through Christ inherit,
That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.**

**2 When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading,
May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding;
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.**

**3 Jesus, advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calv’ry’s altar,
Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter;
Place them on Your Father’s throne As Your own.**

**4 By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications,
As like incense they ascend To Your heav’nly habitations.
May their fragrance waft above, God of love.**

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Stand

Prayer

LSB 265

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

♪Closing Hymn: “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

LSB 923

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav’n appear.

Δ3 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.

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Shelley Frevert, Dan Tiedtke, Kathleen Johs, Garett Schafer, Jessi Jensen, Tyler Bodlak, Virgil Loewe, Chance Schultz, Fauneil Bennett, Betty Mitchell, Bryce Sebade, Colleen Simpson, Louise Green & Courtney Volk

ANNIVERSARIES: Andy & Julie Bose, Ben & Taryn Kurpgeweit, Dwight & Irene Mock, B.J. & Sara Ruwe, Ron & Desiree Kneifl and Gene & Janet Casey

WE WELCOME into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Otto Brian Hass, son of Brian and Lynsey (Caskey) Hass. Otto was born June 4, 2020. His sponsors are Anthony & Christine Kester and Casey & Dacia Caskey. May God bless and keep this growing family.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION: In our era of pandemic precautions it is important that we as a congregation try to keep as accurate a record as possible of those in attendance at our various worship services. If someone who was COVID 19 positive attended a service we would need to be able to contact all those who attended the service to notify them. It is a great help to this end if you register your attendance by completing the attendance registration slip in the pew rack and depositing it in an offering plate as you leave. Thank you for your help.

LUTHERAN HOUR: -- "Reflexive Mercy" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
How do you react to the brokenness all around you? God gives His people the reflex to reflect His mercy in the world. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

LAST WEEK: Our offerings were \$5,445.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. This allows those watching from home or on the road to see the service practically as it happens. Due to this change, the link to take viewers to the livestream is not available until Sunday morning. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

PASTORAL CARE: During this time of anxiety and uncertainty please don't hesitate to let your pastors know how we can be of service to you. Whether it is through our private prayers, a word of encouragement or simply someone to talk with. We can be

reached via phone at the church 402-375-1905 or cell phone Pastor Buchhorn 979-540-7917 or Pastor Erik 979-204-0752.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Abraham was a matchmaker. Today in Sunday School, our children study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God in the account “Isaac and Rebekah.” God commands that I honor marriage and family. Thank God for the salvation He provides through His Son, Jesus. As a family, discuss, “*How can we honor God as parents and children?*” Online videos covering the lesson of the week with links to related activities will continue to be posted on the Sunday School Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ssgracewayne) throughout the summer. Be sure to also check out the Free Content Library provided by CPH on their homepage (www.cph.org) throughout the summer. Be sure to also check out the Free Content Library provided by CPH on their homepage (www.cph.org).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Our small group adult Bible Study on the book of Ezekiel has been continuing to meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of the class online please contact Pastor Buchhorn.

CUP OF GRACE MINISTRY: Classes have been scheduled to start at Wayne State College on August 17th! We are working at getting the word out to everyone that we will be starting Sunday Night Dinners on August 16th at 7:30 pm! This is a great time to join together in fellowship with some awesome people while enjoying a free dinner. Even if you do not attend WSC but are still around town while either commuting to another college or taking a break this year but would like to join in the fun you are invited! We will also be discussing the best time for us as a group to schedule a weekly Bible Study. I know last year these were held on Tuesday evenings, but I want to talk with you on the 17th and see if that evening still works, or if we should look at another time. Either way I know that I am very excited to be able to come back together with you all for another great year!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We want to remind you that as Wayne Community Schools are set to open their new Academic year on August 13th that will also be the beginning of our Sunday School and Mid-Week classes! We will kick off Sunday School with a small scale Rally Day that will be the main theme and emphasis for our Church Services on

August 16th with Sunday School classes beginning that same day at 9:15AM! We will recognize our 3rd and 6th Grade students by presenting them with a Bible and Small Catechism as in years past on that date, but this will be done at the end of both of our regular Sunday Services where we still will be practicing social distancing. Families can pick up their Bible and Small Catechism after either service and they will be asked to stand at their pew to be recognized during the announcement time following the service they attend.

MID-WEEK CLASSES: Mid-Week classes will also begin on Wednesday August 19th at 6:30PM! This is for all of our 3rd through 8th graders! Please come join us, and if you have not received a letter in the mail one should hopefully be coming, but we have a form that we have asked you to fill out for us so that we can have your updated information such as correct spelling of names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. We will again have the rule that if Wayne Community Schools is able to meet we will be meeting, but if Wayne Community Schools for some reason is not able to meet we will not have classes that week. This could be due to weather or health concerns in our community. Please keep that in mind, but we look forward to being with you again and diving back into God's word starting on August 19th! And for our 7th and 8th graders confirmation families we will have an orientation meeting on August 12th at 6:30PM!

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION: The LYF is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser for the youth group. Please place the cans you donate in the small shed on the west side of the alley behind the preschool. Please put your cans in tied plastic sacks and NO BOTTLES! ALUMINUM CANS ONLY, NO OTHER TYPE OF ALUMINUM. The youth appreciate your effort in helping to raise money and also helping to clean up the environment!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Bonnadell Koch in memory of Marlyn.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Worship
	10:30 am.	Worship
	11:30 pm.	High School Parent Mtg
MONDAY		Newsletter Deadline
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
	7:30 pm.	Jr. High Zoom Meeting
	8:15 pm.	High School Zoom Meeting
THURSDAY	5:15 pm.	Young Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Worship/Communion
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion