

## Old Testament

*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.”

## Epistle

*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.

## Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

<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.”

# Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field Matthew 13:36



**About the Cover:** Patience is difficult for those who do not know the reason for waiting; however, our Lord has given God's reason for His patience. His patience has a purpose. The final day will not be rushed, for the Father is waiting so that the full crop of those being saved is ready at harvest. We are comforted in our waiting, knowing our Lord and Savior will return at just the right time.



# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15 & 19, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: LW 222 vs. 1-2, 793 vs. 1-3, 658 vs. 1-4, 577, 892, 794, LW 336 (Tune: LSB 556)

Sermon: "The Weeds Among the Wheat"  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/8 (Wed.): 23	Offering: \$430.00
Attendance 7/12 (Sun): 24	Offering: \$2,001.04
Budget Needs: \$3,484.00	Scrip Profit: 7/12: \$13.00

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/22) 7:00 p.m. – Worship  
SUN (7/26) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Steve & Beth Gilbertson in honor of their anniversary.

**PASTOR ON VACATION** – July 20-27 – If an emergency should arise, contact Pastor Thomas Schmitt (414-477-7804) or one of the elders.

**WEARING OF MASKS** – Those who attend worship in person are encouraged to wear a face mask as the number of COVID-19 cases sees an increase.

**SCRIP** is available for purchase after most worship services, in the church office during the week, or by pre-ordering by calling Renee Bonick (920-296-9164).

**PRODUCE TABLE** – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

**JOYFUL GIVING** - Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with your other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep us with your intended offerings. Contact the church office to complete a form.

**CLASSROOM AIDE** Trinity Lutheran School, Hilbert WI is looking to hire an aide to help in the 4K/5K classroom four mornings per week, Monday-Thursday, from 7:30-11:15 during the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who is, please contact Board of Education chairman, Craig Schroeder at 920-213-0250.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Matthew 5:24b** – "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Our giving to the Lord's work is part of our wider Christian life. The Lord wants us to walk in His ways in all we do. He wants our hearts united to His. It's not our gift the Lord wants, it is our very selves in all we think, say, and do.