

9:00 AM Sunday Worship, July 19, 2020

The **7**th Sunday After Pentecost

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

Worship Livestream at <u>www.facebook.com/elcvienna</u>





Introduction

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Welcome

A Prayer for Healing

Pastor: In this time of pandemic and racial tensions, let us pray...

A moment of silence for reflection.

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease: from fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying, from fear and worry, from stress and weariness, from isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss **All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: From the sin of racism and injustice: from white supremacy and racist rhetoric, from personal and systemic racism, from white privilege and race bias, from police brutality and political provocateurs, from violence and riots, from destruction and death

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds. We are all your children. For our families and friends, all communities and all nations, for all our neighbors, we pray

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, we believe in your healing and forgiveness. We believe in your love and new life. And so, in faith and hope, in Jesus' name we pray **All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.**



Prelude

"Prière" from Suite Jazzique

Johannes Matthias Michel

Invocation

Pastor: We are gathered to worship in the name of the Father, \pm the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Opening Song

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter



Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt. Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800



Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God, All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through # Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

Glory To God- WOV 5 with organ









Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.



Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.w

Reader: 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 them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

Reader: "Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

All: 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

Reader: ¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

All: 14The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;

they have not set you before their eyes.

Reader: ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.



All: 16Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show 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.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

Reader: ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

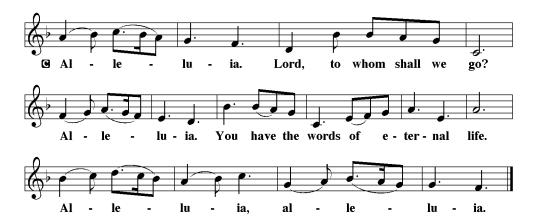
All: Thanks be to God!



Children's Message

The Gospel Acclamation

(WOV 5) Revelation led



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

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor: ²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.'"

³⁶Then 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."



³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord! **All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

A Word

"Good Seed and Weeds" based on Matthew 13:24... by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Song of the Day

Who Am I



Who Am I

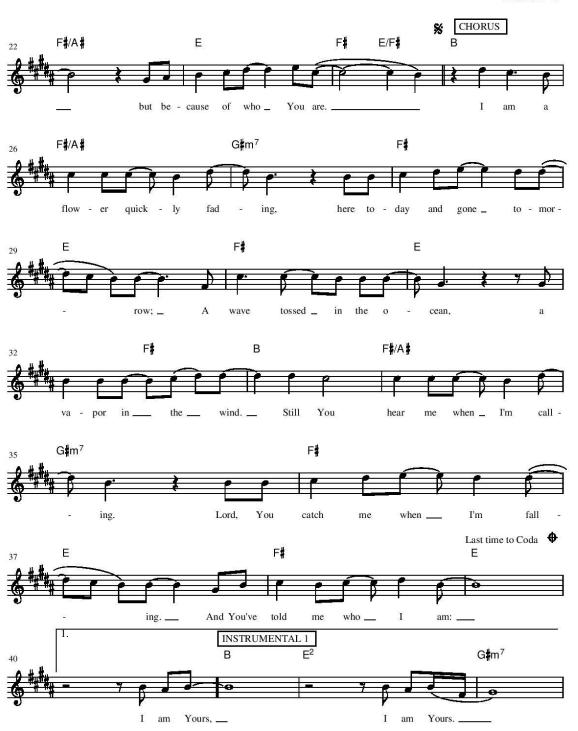
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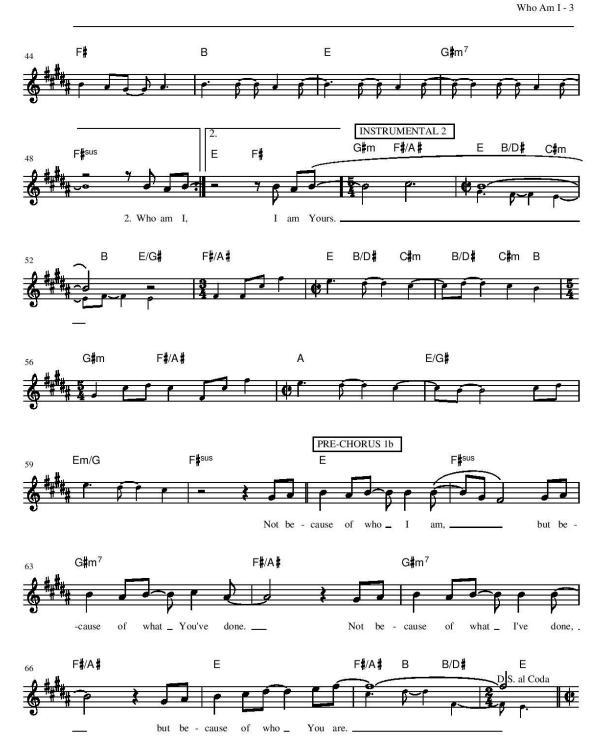


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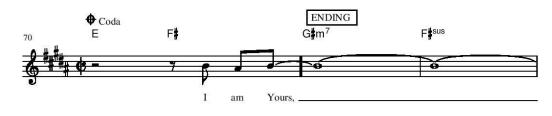








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Apostles' Creed

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Bless our call process for a pastor for evangelism and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,



All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way (especially...). Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy, **All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of healing, bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us (*especially*). Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offering

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Offertory

Stand In Your Love (Text for Reflection)

Verse 1

When darkness tries to roll over my bones When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own When brokenness and pain is all I know I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love (REPEAT)

Verse 2

Shame no longer has a place to hide I am not a captive to the lies I'm not afraid to leave my past behind I won't be shaken

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain There's power that can empty out a grave There's resurrection power that can save There's power in Your name power in Your name

Ending Standing in Your love

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Peace

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!



All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Announcements

Blessing

Pastor: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God the creator, \pm Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.

Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893



Sending

Pastor: Go in peace, and share the good news!

All: We will--thanks be to God!

Postlude

As It Is In Heaven (Text for Reflection)

Verse 1

Our Father Who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy name Come and let Your glory come And let Your glory fall Our Father Who art in Heaven The rocks cry out Your fame Come and let Your glory come And let Your glory fall

Pre-Chorus

I will sing sing a new song I will sing sing a new song I will sing sing a new song To the Lord

Chorus

Let Your Kingdom come Let Your will be done On earth as it is in Heaven Ev'ry heart proclaim The mercy of Your name On earth as it is in Heaven

Verse 2

God give us new ev'ry morning Mercy as daily bread In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray And lead us not to temptation



But deliver us with Your hand In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray Father we pray

Bridge
For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
And the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen

Ending
As it is in Heaven

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