

23 July 2017



The Parable of the Weeds

Sermon Notes

(not grocery lists!)



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8:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

10:30 a.m.
Worship

Silent Prayer Before Worship

Bells

Greeting

Gathering Music:

Call to Worship:

L: The Creator has planted seeds in all of us,

C: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

L: Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit,

C: May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.

L: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow

C: May we be nurtured, may we be blessed and may we grow in this time of worship.

Prayer of Confession:

L: Creator God,

C: we confess before You that we do not follow the ways of the world You created, but instead follow the ways of the world we have created, in which we put ourselves above others, that our needs and desires are more important than anyone else's.

L: We put worldly success, fame and satisfaction above the needs of others, especially the people we do not see.

C: Forgive us.

L: Call us back into Your intention at our creation, to love others and to love You,

C: to be good stewards of all You have given us and to participate in Your reign.

L: Help us to turn away from the temptations of the world we have created, and to turn back to You.

C: In the name of Jesus, who leads us into life, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Where can we go from the Spirit?

C: Where can we hide from God's presence?

There is no place we can go where we will be forgotten by God.

There is no place we can fall into that God cannot find us.

God restores us, and sets our feet back on right paths.

L: We are forgiven, loved, and restored.

C: Go and share the Good News, that God loves you madly. Amen.

Hymn:

"Sing to the Lord"

LBW Green Hymnal #412

Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God,

C: the ways of the world we have created tempt us greatly.

We desire to have more.

We desire to move up the ladder of worldly success.

We desire to be admired and looked upon.

**Transform our desires to be Your desires, to love one another and to seek the well being of others. Transform our heart to be like Yours, to love all, but especially the overlooked, the unseen, the lost and forgotten, so that all may know Your love and grace.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 44:6-8

I am the LORD All-Powerful,
the first and the last,
the one and only God.
Israel, I have rescued you!
I am your King.
Can anyone compare with me?
If so, let them speak up
and tell me now.
Let them say what has happened
since I made my nation
long ago,
and let them tell
what is going to happen.
Don't tremble with fear!
Didn't I tell you long ago?
Didn't you hear me?
I alone am God—
no one else is a mighty rock.

Gospel:

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus then told them this story:
The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a farmer scattered good seed in a field. But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and scattered weed seeds in the field and then left. When the plants came up and began to ripen, the farmer's servants could see the weeds. The servants came and asked, "Sir, didn't you scatter good seed in your field? Where did these weeds come from?"
"An enemy did this," he replied.
His servants then asked, "Do you want us to go out and pull up the weeds?"
"No!" he answered. "You might also pull up the wheat. Leave the weeds alone until harvest time. Then I'll tell my workers to gather the weeds and tie them up and burn them. But I'll have them store the wheat in my barn."

Gospel Verse:

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of Your Word.
Lord, let my heart be soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.**

Message

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress" music VBS style words Green Hymnal # 229

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the People

L: The seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown
into our lives, our world, O God.

**C: But it doesn't always take root.
Sometimes it fails to find a place to grow**

L: And so we pray...

**C: For ourselves and others when life makes us hard and resistant
Like a well-trodden path
where old habits, old systems and old patterns of thinking
keep your message from growing;**

L: For ourselves and others

**C: when we become so immersed
in the short-lived, shallow, rock-hiding soil of the moment
where Your life too easily gets blown away by the wind;**

L: For ourselves and others

**C: when our fears, insecurities,
desires and self-absorption
tangle like thorns around Your grace
and choke it into silence;**

L: For ourselves and others

**C: when Your truth brings out the best in us
and we grow fruitful in compassion and justice
in service and worship.**

L: The seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown
into our lives and our world, O God;

**C: May it find good soil, may it grow
and may it produce a harvest of life, peace, joy and love
in us and across the globe.**

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Offering

Offertory Response:



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer:

L: Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you:

C: **immersed in scripture,
constant in prayer,
joyful in worship,
generous in giving.**

**A loving, supportive community
reaching out to those in need.**

Accept these gifts we offer, in Jesus' name, Amen.

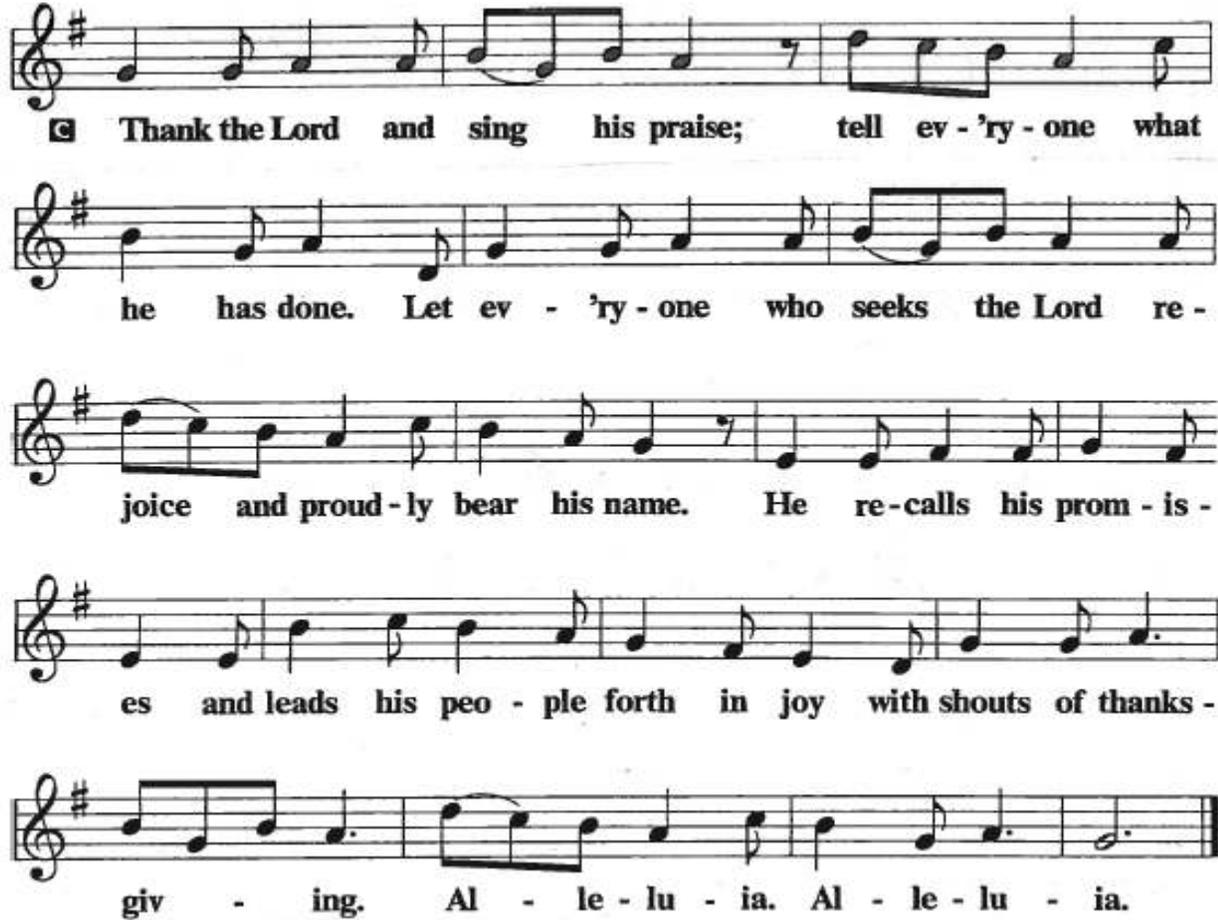
Words of Institution (8:00)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion (8:00)

Post Communion Canticle (8:00)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Prayer (8:00)

Benediction

Post
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1 For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
 5 For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing in the share, with
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, the
 bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for
 wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for
 hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for
 an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for
 work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 young and for old, the right to be - long.
 just and un - just, a new way to live.
 ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free.

Refrain

And God will de - light when

we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, yes,

God will de - light when we are cre - a -

tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and

joy!

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: A PLACE AT THE TABLE 11 10 :1 10 and refrain, Lori True

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Y'all Means All: Interfaith Lobby Day

**August 1 at the State Capital.
Sponsored by Texas Impact**

Register now and spread the word as Texas faith leaders and Texans of all faiths stand against discrimination at our August 1 Lobby Day!

Mainstream faith communities affirm the shared values of respect, dignity, and welcome for every person. Discriminatory legislation that targets individuals based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity runs counter to Texan values. We reject the fear-filled rhetoric and un-American endorsement of discrimination that underlie proposed “bathroom legislation.” This legislation would pose a threat to vulnerable individuals, affirm state-sponsored discrimination, and dismiss the wisdom of local communities.

Join us at the Capitol for a press conference, legislative update and meetings with your lawmakers! Speakers will include Bishop Ray Tiemann, Bishop Erik Gronberg, Presbyterian Sallie Watson, and Mufti Mohamed-Umer Esmail.

Also be sure to sign and share this interfaith statement opposing discriminatory legislation. Show lawmakers how strong, proud, and diverse the faith community in Texas really is. <https://texasimpact.org/Interfaith-Letter-Discrimination>

The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:24-29



M A V W H F Q B B E W G Q I S
 H R M P S Y I U K D Y H O A J
 C L G A T U A E F I F H E O B
 J F R R E A P S L M N Y O A D
 O H O A Q W K R O D M G P T T
 T T W B M C S X O E V V D P A
 D D E L F G J E N O B U T O D
 X A H E V T C E E X T K R J M
 B G J A V I U C A D D L N C H
 M C W H R M X Z Q V V E M J A
 G Q C E R V J M D P V W V B Y
 L G A R E L E X P A U P D U Y
 S O W J B D T S E A G L Z R K
 J W O V U T S H T S X B L N O
 O X T V D G V N L L C M T I H

SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS

School Supplies Needed for Lutheran World Relief

We are now collecting school supplies to send around the world to children who live with extreme illness or poverty. Our gifts allow others to learn and grow, as we demonstrate our Christian loving-kindness for our neighbors in need.

Each School Kit contains:

1. Four 70-sheet, 8" x 10.5" spiral notebooks, with wide- or college-ruled paper; (no loose-leaf paper),
2. One 12" ruler,
3. One pencil sharpener,
4. One pair blunt scissors,
5. Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band,
6. Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band,
7. One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
8. One 2.5" eraser.



Our vacation Bible school students will be collecting school supplies for their service project. We also encourage everyone to help us buy these supplies during the summer months, while sale prices are available. Please leave your gifts in the office, sewing room or on the table in the Narthex. Those wishing to give a monetary donation to sponsor a bag can leave donations with the offering or in the church office. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Barbara Zimmerman, cell 788-3842 sbzimmerman@suddenlink.net. Thank you for continuing to support this vital ministry.

!!!!NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON AGUSUT 20TH!!!!



Rally day is the perfect day to begin your Sunday school adventure. Sunday school is for everyone! Starting at nursery through 110 years old. Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to help out with Sunday School, please let Melissa Smith know. Teachers and helpers are always welcome and help make our Sunday School a success. Contact Melissa

at melissareichksmith@gmail.com or 361-648-9304.

Mark your calendar for Sunday school Rally Day! Join your teacher in your classroom for Sunday school at 9:15 AM on August 27.

Then, please join us for a fun roller-skating party at Skateworld beginning at 11:30 AM. (Children and their family can leave the 10:30 service early to join the party starting at 11:30.) There will be a bounce house too! Please bring a dessert or snack to share. Lunch and drinks will be provided.



ANSWERED PRAYERS



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Coleen Aitchison	Ronnie Stanford
Philip & Lynn Nestingen	Judy Self
Julia Clark	Alice Kovar
Kenneth Dietzel and family	Curtis Connally
David Drost	

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Anna Grace	Susan Kruse
Jo Grace	Gloria McCormick
Kathy Angerstein	Skip Madden
Randy Armstrong	Carrie Mueller
Roland Armstrong	Marie Peerson
Wanda Avila	Craig Sauer
Bonnie Bennett	Sabra Sauer
Floyd Bodecker	Diane Schroeder
Carol Bosland	Karen Schubert
Neil Harris	Floyd Schwab, Jr.
Glen Hindley	Rudy Small
Joseph Huber	Nyl Stewart
Helen Jamison	Lynda Torrey
Keith Kann	Alice Wenske
Dorothy Kroll	Amy Wenske
Doug Kruppa	

If I Can Do It, So Can You!

We invite each voting member of Trinity to prayerfully consider serving as a church leader by joining the council. Several slots need to be filled this October for two-year terms beginning 1/01/18. The nominating committee consists of:

Meredith Golden (361-550-6419), Mary Anne Parker (361-571-2092), Joe Smith (361-648-9303), Barbara Zimmerman (361-788-3842) and Sean Kennedy (361-894-2967). We welcome your inquiries and appreciate your interest. You are welcomed to contact us, our pastors, or any current or past council member for information. We have prepared a summary of council activities for your consideration.

Trinity needs your care, concern, insight, and leadership. Many in your church family have been council members and the primary qualification is a willingness to show your love for Christ's church by giving of your time and talent. We pray for God's guidance in leading and nurturing the church.

Christmas in July

Trinity Lutheran Church has partnered with Hopkins Elementary School with helping the school with items the teachers and students are in need of. The school has sent a "Wish List" for the students and teachers which is printed below.

This year the Angel Tree will be set up in July. Each angel will have an amount printed on it in various amounts of \$5.00 - \$25.00. The money will be used to purchase the items requested. Since the school supplies are at a discounted price in July, with the school year beginning in August, we decided to do the Angel Tree in July.

If you are able to purchase an angel, we ask you to please put your name and phone number on the list next to # you selected to purchase. Please make the check payable to Trinity Lutheran Angel Tree. **PLACE MONEY & ORNAMENT IN ENVELOPE AND DROP IN OFFERING PLATE.**

If you have any questions, please contact us at the phone numbers below.

Thank you for helping making a difference for the students and teachers at Hopkins Elementary School with your much appreciated donation.

Angel Tree Coordinators

Mendy Dierlam 920-1094

Cathy Dierlam -564-8545



List of Supplies for 2017-2018

Teachers

- ✓ Coffee--loose
- ✓ Coffee filters-small for Mr. Coffee
- ✓ Cream and Sugar
- ✓ Headphones for iPods and Kindles (Ear buds would even work)
- ✓ Clorox wipes
- ✓ Expo Dry Erase Board Cleaner--a spray that erases expo markers and cleans white boards
- ✓ 2 inch binders
- ✓ 2 small Bean Bag or lounge chairs for 1st graders to sit and read
- ✓ Glitter
- ✓ Stamp ink pads----assorted colors and need about 20
- ✓ Sidewalk chalk

Students

- ✓ Dry erase markers (black)
- ✓ Regular lined notebook paper (no college paper)
- ✓ Spiral notebook 70 pages
- ✓ Large Erasers: (Big ones the pink colored)
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Kleenex boxes
- ✓ Colored pencils or map colors
- ✓ Drawing spiral notebooks 20
- ✓ Manilla drawing paper
- ✓ Glue sticks (no liquid glue)
- ✓ Highlighters--Yellow
- ✓ Construction paper (All kinds but Yellow is preferred)
- ✓ Water colors (eight to the row) need to be washable---30
- ✓ Washable markers---pack of 8 and need about 30
- ✓ Black pens
- ✓ Crayons (would like to have 8 to the box and no more than 16 crayons) kids are kids lots ¹⁴

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Sunday, July 23-Thursday, July 27

Meals: 5:15PM-6:00PM, Classes: 6:00PM-8:30PM

*Mail completed form to church office (106 N. De Leon, Victoria, TX 77901)
or email to melissareicheksmith@gmail.com*



Names (list children and adults, if registering for a class) _____

Child Information: (Note nursery is available for children under 3 years of age)

Date of Birth _____ Grade Just Completed _____ Age _____

Siblings Attending? (You do not need a separate registration form to register siblings. Please include their names, grade completed, and ages on the line below.)

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Other Concerns _____

Check if your child/children will be in the service core (just finished 6th grade through 12th grade), List Names: _____

Are you interested in volunteering to help during Vacation Bible School? What position? _____ (contact Melissa Smith (648-9304) for questions about volunteering)

If registering for other classes, please check appropriate box(es) below and list adult/teenager name beside class:

Stained Glass Making and Wood Burning (contact Ronny Dentler with questions)

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and Rediscovering the Catechism for Today (contact Pastor Barney with questions) _____

The Ties That Bind Us Together- Make and Tie Quilts for Lutheran World Relief (contact Barbara Zimmerman with questions) _____

TODAY: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion, Chapel
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
5:15-6 VBS MEAL, LH
6-8:30 VBS

MONDAY: JULY 24

5:15-6 VBS MEAL, LH
6-8:30 VBS

TUESDAY: JULY 25

8:00 Walkers, LH
9:30 Sewing Day, LH
5:15-6 VBS MEAL, LH
6-8:30 VBS

WEDNESDAY: JULY 26

5:15-6 VBS MEAL, LH
6-8:30 VBS

THURSDAY: JULY 27

8:00 Walkers, LH
5:15-6 VBS MEAL, LH
6-8:30 VBS

FRIDAY: JULY 28

SATURDAY: JULY 29

SUNDAY: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIFTH SUNDAY

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Holy Communion
LH Reserved, Wheeler

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL DUTIES:

Loretta Johnson, Dee Wheeler,

GREETERS:

8:00 Pat and Gerald Klinkerman
10:30 Bo Neill Family

USHERS:

8:00 Gary and Meredith Golden
10:30 Craig Sauer Family

ACOLYTES:

8:00 Jace Kitchens
10:30 Jessie Mc Brayer
Maddie Mc Brayer

READERS:

8:00 Diana Tuch
10:30 Pam Orsak

ALTAR GUILD:

8:00 Pat Miller
10:30 Betty Dearman Family

Sunday Bulletin in the warm days of summer.

Now it came to pass that, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church bethought him of cool streams, sandy beaches, and mountains, and this Christian's wife spoke and said: "Thou must dig into thy purse and give to the Lord's work in order that the cause of Christ may go forward, that the heart of the treasurer be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return." And the husband replied "Verily, thou art noble and wise among women." And he did make his contribution for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying "Of a truth, there are yet those among us concerned for the cause of Christ."