

## SERMON NOTES...

### “Judgment is Coming!” Matthew 13:36-43

1. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The \_\_\_\_\_ will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.”
2. In the parable, the master instructed his servants to let the weeds and the wheat grow \_\_\_\_\_ until the harvest time has come.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ this morning is that the one who directs his harvesting angels is the same one who died on the cross for us.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ this morning is that hell is real and there will be many who go there.
5. It is not unusual for people to reject the reality of hell. In part, this is due to \_\_\_\_\_ thinking.
6. Of course, God is loving, kind, and merciful, but He is first and foremost a \_\_\_\_\_ and righteous God who cannot tolerate sin.
7. Our \_\_\_\_\_ defines a ‘loving God’ as a completely non-confrontational being who tolerates anything we want to do. But that is not a Biblical definition.
8. If we humans decide that God is somehow wrong to allow unrepentant sinner to \_\_\_\_\_ their deserved penalty, then we have declared that we are more loving than God is.
9. The second fallacy in the question, “How can a loving God send someone to hell?” concerns the word \_\_\_\_\_ which denotes an action only on the part of the sender.
10. People have been given enough truth to know and surrender to God, but they \_\_\_\_\_ it.
11. God has taken the initiative to make His truth known to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. God is not only perfect love, He is perfect \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
13. God gave us the \_\_\_\_\_ to choose how we respond to Him.

**Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!**  
**Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)**  
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**Steve Bang, pastor**

Please sign the attendance sheets located at the end of each pew.  
If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.  
We invite you to join us again!

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**11 a.m. — July 23, 2017**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

All who are baptized in the Christian faith and have accepted Jesus Christ  
as their Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** ..... page 77

**Opening Hymn, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** ..... LBW #389

**Kyrie** ..... page 78

**Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast*** ..... page 81

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from You alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to Your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in Your promises of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 44:6-8

"This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from Me there is no God. Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before Me what has happened since I established My ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides Me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today...**

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Next Sunday, July 30...**

10:15-10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Vacation Bible School — 1 Evening Only!** Friday, August 4th — beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. with the program from 6 to 8 p.m. Zion Lutheran Youth of Clear Lake, will lead this free program, "Treasure Seekers," for all kids ages 5—12. For more information, call Lanette at 641-590-2714. Let's raise the attendance level from last year!

**Mark your calendar** for Saturday, Oct. 14, when Zion Lutheran of Clear Lake will host an LCMC 500th anniversary celebration with worship, fellowship and a special choir comprised of members from various local congregations. More information will forthcoming on this exciting event.

**Announcements** can be sent to westprairie.lc@gmail.com.

**Prayer List** — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Leah Branstad, Alan Goranson, Denise Holst, Misty Juveland, Marlys Haugen, Blanche Durby, Dale Zingg, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Mike Haack, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Eldora Reil; Angela Haugen in the military. All prayer requests can be submitted to [www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @641-590-7894.

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**Benediction** .....page 97

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn, *Lead On, O King Eternal*** .....LBW #495

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Steve Bang

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Lectionary:** Louise Nath

**Ushers:** Bob and Louise Nath

**Acolyte:** Faith Finer

**Psalm 119:57-64** (responsively)

L: You only are my portion, O Lord;

**C: I have promised to keep Your words.**

L: I entreat You with all my heart;

**C: be merciful to me according to Your promise.**

L: I have considered my ways

**C: and turned my feet toward Your decrees.**

L: I hasten and do not tarry

**C: to keep Your commandments.**

L: Though the cords of the wicked entangle me,

**C: I do not forget Your law.**

L: At midnight I will rise to give You thanks,

**C: because of Your righteous judgments.**

L: I am a companion of all who fear You

**C: and of those who keep Your commandments.**

L: The earth, O Lord, is full of Your love;

**C: instruct me in Your statutes.**

**SECOND LESSON:** Romans 8:18-27

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will give us later. For all creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day when God will resurrect His children. For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will at God’s command—will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God’s children enjoy.

For we know that even the things of nature, like animals and plants, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as His children, including the new bodies He has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die.

We are saved by trusting. And trusting means looking forward to getting something we don’t yet have—for a man who already has something doesn’t need to hope and trust that He will get it. But if we must keep trusting God for something that

hasn't happened yet, it teaches us to wait patiently and confidently.

And in the same way—by our faith—the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as He pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand.*

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**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Response:** *Glory to You, O Lord*..... page 83

### **The Parable of the Weeds**

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

"'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

### **The Parable of the Weeds Explained**

Then He left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil

one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response:** *Praise to You, O Christ*.....page 83  
*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

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**Hymn,** *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* .....LBW #351  
*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed** ..... page 84

### **Prayer**

**Congregational Response:** Hear my prayer.

*Sharing of the peace.*

*You may be seated.*

### **Offering**

*Please stand.*

**Offertory,** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*..... page 86

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### **Prayer**

*You may be seated.*

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Please follow direction of ushers.*

**Communion Hymns**..... Grey Hymn Book #363, 360, 361  
*Please Stand.*

**Post-Communion Canticle** *Thank the Lord* .....page 92 & 93