



HOW DOES EVIL END?

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church | York, NE

August 2, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please ask one of our ushers.

Connection cards: Visitors, or members with contact information changes, please fill out our online connection card at bethelyork.com, member connect tab, or scan this code.



SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is normally in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew has been temporarily removed to help protect against passing the Corona Virus. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

Organist

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THE COMMON SERVICE

"The Common Service" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. It became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America. It is also in CW pg. 15.

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Thankful People, Come | **613**

1 Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall 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 weeds 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 weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

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

INVOCATION¹

please stand, if able

M In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

¹ *These words, which Jesus spoke when he instituted Holy Baptism (Matthew 28:19), remind us that we approach God as his adopted children. The sign of the cross, which the pastor makes also when pronouncing the absolution, is made over people when they are baptized to signify that they have been redeemed by Christ, the crucified and risen Lord.*



C: A - men.

CONFESSION

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

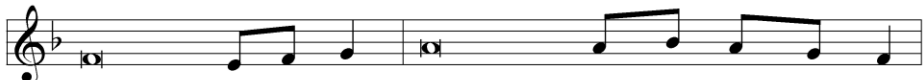
ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.




C: A - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



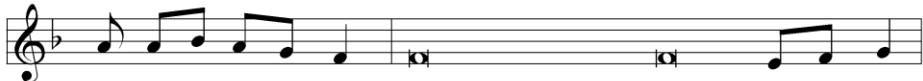
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Lord, as long as this world endures there will be weeds and wheat, believers and unbelievers, good and evil. Keep us from trying to get rid of evil by force, and instead, make use of your powerful word to change weeds into wheat before the judgment comes and the weeds are burned in unquenchable fire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Joel 3:12-16

¹²Let the nations be roused.

Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat,
for there I will be seated to judge all the nations.

¹³Swing the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.

Come, trample the grapes,
for the winepress is full and the vats overflow,
because the nations' wickedness is so great!

¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!
For the Day of the LORD is near in the Valley of Decision.

¹⁵The sun and moon will be darkened,
and the stars will stop shining.

¹⁶The LORD will roar from Zion

and shout from Jerusalem.
The sky and the earth will tremble.
But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,
a stronghold for the people of Israel. (EHV)


M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

18

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*

my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

**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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:1-8

Therefore, because Christ suffered in flesh, arm yourselves with the same mindset, because the one who has suffered in flesh is done with sin. ²Do this so that you no longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for human desires but for God's will. ³Indeed, you have already spent enough time in the past doing what the Gentiles want to do: living in unbridled immorality, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and disgusting idolatry.

⁴For this reason, they are surprised that you do not plunge into the same overflowing river of filth with them, and they slander you. ⁵They will have to give an account to the one who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶In fact, it was for this reason that the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, so that they might be judged the way people are judged in flesh and that they might live the way God lives in spirit.

⁷The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

please stand, if able

M The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

²⁴He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' ²⁹'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴²The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear. (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

be seated

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jerusalem the Golden | **728**

1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion Resounding full with song.

2 Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.

3 The Christ is ever with them; The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David; And there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory The Church's voices blend,
The Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end.

SERMON

Genesis 3:6-13

please stand, if able



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

be seated

OFFERING *The offering will not be gathered – please place your offering in the plate located in the entry or make use of our options for online giving.*

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, light of the world and saving strength of your people, we thank you for the gift of your powerful word. Implant the good seed of your word in the hearts of your people, so that, set free from the power of Satan and the fear of death, we may live to serve and honor you. Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

M Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may grow richly in divine knowledge and spiritual understanding. Bless the proclamation of your powerful word everywhere, so that hearts may be turned from unbelief to faith, from weeds to wheat, from the darkness of spiritual ignorance, falsehood and despair to the light of knowledge, truth and life. Be with our missionaries in our own and distant lands. Protect them and us, encourage us, and crown our labors with success. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

M Let your word shine in our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love and serve one another in kindness and humility. Watch over the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, and the weary. Preserve those who are in any danger of body or soul. Supply us by the grace of Jesus with the Spirit's power, that we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love until you come in glory and rid the world of all evil. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

Special prayers or intercessions

M For these and all the other things you know we need, we confidently ask in the name of him who gave himself for us that we might live through him, Jesus our Lord, in whose name we join in praying

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

My Heart Is Longing | **364**

- 1 My heart is longing to praise my Savior
And glorify his name in song and prayer;
For he has shown me his wondrous favor
And offered me all heav'n with him to share.

- 2 O blessed Jesus, what you have given
Through dying on the cross in bitter pain,
Has filled my heart with the peace of heaven;
My winter's gone, and spring is mine again.

- 3 Soon we are home and shall stand before him;
What matter then that we have suffered here?
Then he shall crown us while we adore him;
So death and all our pains will disappear.

- 4 O Christian friends, let our song ascending
Give honor, praise to him who set us free!
Our tribulations may seem unending,
But soon with him we shall forever be.

PRAYER

- M** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

- [M]** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People | 556

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday: 7 PM Women's Bible Study at 822 W. Nobes Road and Online.

Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship with Communion- Installation of newly elected council and committee members.

Church Council Meets

4:00 PM Installation service for Mr. Owen

Please remember social distancing if you stay and visit after church.

Mr. Richard Owen III, the new Principal and teacher for Trinity in Waco will be installed, God willing, on August 9th at 4 PM at Bethel.

You can log in at our Member Connect page and see a record of your offerings, check to see if your contact information is up to date, fill in a contact card, enter a prayer request, or give an online gift. You can get there from our website or you can scan this code



Your comments are requested: If you have watched the service through Facebook, let us know what you think. What could be improved? What did you like? If you have made use of the abbreviated online worship with just the audio and slides, what suggestions do you have? Should we continue this service in addition to the live stream on Facebook?

In our prayers: Jeanine Bergmeier, thanksgiving for successful surgery.



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Personal assisted listening devices are available.

Given to the Lord: Attendance: In Person 56, Online 2 live, at least 13 viewed part of the service later. Offerings General Fund needed 2,870.30, Given 2,215.15. **To God be the glory!**



**Next Week: The Parables of the Priceless Treasure
How Do We Set Priorities in Life?**

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