

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 16 A

July 19, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 16 A

The parable in today's gospel sets forth what we may experience every day: evil coexists with the good. The conclusion to the parable – the weeds will be burned – seems simple, except for this: the one who speaks gives his life over to death, that God's mercy for all people may be revealed, and that God's power to bring good out of evil may be known. Is it possible that even weeds and thorns will be transformed into beautiful flowers and lush vines?

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: Cantabile César Franck
Recorded on the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 11 B, June 17, 2018; Cantor Cherwien, organist

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 693, "Come, You Thankful People, Come"
Sung at Mount Olive on the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 16 A, July 20, 2014; guest organist James E. Bobb

Word

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

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. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a; reader – Art Halbardier, lector

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

The antiphon is sung by the choir. The verses are sung by all.

Recorded by singers of the Cantorei, Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

¹ LORD, you have ¹ searched me out; * O LORD, you ¹ have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my ¹ rising up; * you discern my thoughts ¹ from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my ¹ resting-places * and are acquainted with ¹ all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word ¹ on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it ¹ altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind ¹ and before, * and lay your ¹ hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- ¹ ful for me; * it is so high that I cannot at- ¹ tain to it.

⁷Where can I go then ¹ from your Spirit? * Where can I flee ¹ from your presence?

⁸If I climb up to heaven, ¹ you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you ¹ are there also.

⁹If I take the wings ¹ of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts ¹ of the sea,

¹⁰even there your ¹ hand will lead me * and your right hand ¹ hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will ¹ cover me, * and the light around me ¹ turn to night,”

¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright ¹ as the day; * darkness and light to you are ¹ both alike.

²³Search me out, O God, and ¹ know my heart; * try me and know my ¹ restless thoughts.

²⁴Look well whether there be any wicked- ¹ ness in me * and lead me in the way that is ¹ everlasting.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25; reader – assisting minister Vicar Bristol Reading

Paul writes: ¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for 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. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For 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!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and 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.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that 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. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and 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. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, “Alleluia”

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And 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?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him,

‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.’³⁰ Let 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.’”

SERMON

Patience

Pastor Crippen

Silence for reflection

HYMNS IN ALTERNATION

*ELW 721, “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil,” and ELW 709, “When Our Song Says Peace”
Sung at Mount Olive on the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany, year A, February 19, 2018*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Vicar Bristol Reading, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

AT THE OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:
<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>*

Sending

LORD’S PRAYER AND BLESSING

*The Lord’s Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by D. Cherwien
Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019
The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 679, “For the Fruit of All Creation”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 33 A, November 16, 2014
Mount Olive Children’s Choir, Cantor Cherwien director and organist*

DISMISSAL *Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Finale from Symphony No. 2

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Recorded on the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 16 A, July 20, 2014; guest organist, James E. Bobb



In Our Prayers

• Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha & Dennis Johnson, sister and brother-in-law of Rhoda Nelson and aunt and uncle of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephew, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapoja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

• **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

• **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.