



The
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MATTHEW 13:45

**PMA
Organist**

Fred Bredehoeft
Sheri Moss

Opening Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Brief Order of Confession

Greeting and Kyrie

Hymn of Praise "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Vrs. 1 & 2 WOV # 771

The Lessons

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

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Romans 8:26-39

Alleluia

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Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “Borning Cry”

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer - Sing

Offering /Offertory "Seek Ye First" Vrs. 1 & 2

WOV # 783

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

WOV # 699

In our prayers we remember Carol Speth.

We welcome you to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are a visitor please sign the guest book in the entry. We are so happy to have you worship with us today.

Sunday, August 2nd: 9:30 a.m. Joint Worship with Grace at Hope, Nick Weber will lead the service. Please note the time change.

Pastor Helgren is on vacation. Pastor Kate Woolf will take calls for him. She can be reached at 316-371-0803.

**Change of address for Judy Lubben, Nye Summit Nursing Home
410 W 5th St. Louisville, NE 68037**

It is time to gather items for LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits. There are papers with a list of needed items in the narthex.

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FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

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Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

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