

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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#### **Announcements**

**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

**Thank you for your faithfulness** in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the "Donate" now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul's and our ministry partners.

**Ushers are urgently needed** now that we can hold services. Since new guidelines are now in place we need your response even if you were an usher in the past. Please contact the church secretary if you can serve. (New procedures were emailed to those who historically served and can also be found in the July Our Church newsletter)

**Cottage Meeting** hosts are anticipating your call! Please select a meeting date, time, and location that works for your schedule. A complete list is in the July newsletter or on the last page of today's bulletin. Today marks the second session of our 5 weeks of meetings.

We continue to experience a surge in families needing assistance through the Food Pantry. We can use some additional volunteers. We are seeking folks who are not in the "at risk" category for COVID-19. Simply notify Larry or Janet Moore if you can help on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. **Our most critical need is with help on Tuesday mornings.** 

Members of our COVID-19 task force will assist us as we work to open up St. Paul's and to do so in the safest, healthiest way possible. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their service.

**Thank you** to Victor Fields for the use of his sound system for the outdoor service.

#### **STAFF**

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### **Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19**

#### **Entering and Leaving the Church:**

Face masks are required both inside and outside. If you do not have a mask you may use one of the pre-packaged masks located at the entrances or at the usher stations. (If a face mask was provided upon arrival, kindly deposit it in the specially marked basket at the exterior doors or at the usher stations as you leave so that it can be properly washed and prepared for use again.)

Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don't place it back into a basket.

### Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave or at the usher stations outdoors prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

#### While in the Nave or on the lawn:

You may sit together as a family. Outside worshippers should place their lawn chairs using social distancing. Inside worshippers should sit in designated pews only (green card 10:30 AM. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.

#### **Communion Procedure:**

For the outside service: Communion positions are designated with a chalk cross marked on the sidewalks on Springettsbury Ave. and surrounding the lawn. Wearing your face mask., proceed to the closest sidewalk and take your place at a Communion position.

For inside services: Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side of the nave communes first followed by the font side.

Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.

Your entire household may gather at one of the five positions marked by the green cross.

#### For all to receive the sacrament:

- Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.
- Please do not reach out to take it from the minister.
- Once the minister has moved to the next group, remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew/seat by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.
- We will be receiving communion in one kind only.

### In our prayers we remember...

**Tom Martin,** Dean Miller, David List, Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, Gene Shue, Abbie Gayle Guyton, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey. Please keep all medical personnel and those in the military and in mission work in your daily prayers.

# **Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**

July 19, 2020 8:00 & 10:30 AM During the time of COVID -19

#### **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10:30 AM PRELUDE** Flute Tune

Thomas Arne

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the H Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**All** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

Women We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Men Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

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

Men You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Women For you alone are the Holy One,

*Men* You alone are the Lord,

**All** You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in

the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. . 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** 

### Sit

**READING** Isaiah 44:6-8 (on back page)

At the conclusion of the reading

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** Psalm 86:11-17 Spoken responsively by half verse

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;\*

knit my heart to you that I may | fear your name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with | all my heart,\*

and glorify your name for- | evermore.

<sup>13</sup> For great is your | love toward me;\*

you have delivered me from the neth- | ermost pit.

<sup>14</sup> The arrogant rise up against me, O God,

and a band of violent men | seeks my life;\*

they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full | of compassion,\*

slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mer- | cy upon me;\*

give your strength to your servant; and save the child | of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and | be ashamed;\*

because you, O LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

#### Stand

#### ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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

(back page)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Sit

**SERMON** Pastor Reep

Stand

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

We confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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 INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord, you sow the good seed of the gospel Jesus Christ into the world. Help the church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness will be faithful to your calling. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

The whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Accompany sll who suffer. Stay near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way, especially we remember those who have asked for our prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places. Gather us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

that by this Holy Communion we may know

the unity we share with all your people

in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

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

**FRACTION** The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.

#### AGNUS DEL

**Pastor** Lamb of God

Men Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen

Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

#### COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

**COMMUNION SOLO** 

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Mark Hayes

Caroline Wolfe, Soprano

#### Stand

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing (back pages) Stanza 1 only

#### **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**10:30 AM POSTLUDE** When in Our Music God is Gloried arr. Robert Hobby

Pastor Reep will be at the Springettsbury Ave. entrance.

Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave. Feel free to gather outside for conversation.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don't place it back in the basket



This week's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Richard and Patsy Griffin; and in loving memory of our mother, Emma V. (Zirkle) Sweitzer by her daughters, Charlene Graffius & Shirley Haugh.

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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### Cottage Meetings have begun!

### Please call today!

## Sundays Now through August 9, 2020

Cottage meetings have served our congregation well over the past several years. They are scheduled for Sunday afternoons and evenings beginning on July 12 and concluding on August 9. A complete list of host families is included. Rather



than randomly assigning you, the members and friends of St. Paul's, to a specific location, we are asking you to contact the host that best fits your geographical location, day and time. We really do need you to make a contact so that adequate preparations can be made. We purposely planned that these gatherings could take place out of doors so you may need to pack a lawn chair. Your host family will be delighted to respond to your questions about maneuvering in their lawn or home. A special word of thanks and appreciation is extended to our hosts who graciously agreed to open their homes for our gatherings this summer.

July 19 @ 3:00 p.m., Alex & Erin Bastian, 344 S. George St., York – 717-814-2577

July 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Jim & Carolyn Kapoun, 116 Scarboro Dr., York – 330-629-2764

July 26 @ 3:00 p.m., Jeff & Rose Riese, 2800 Maple Dr., Red Lion – 717-891-3058

July 26 @ 7:00 p.m., Ann Anstadt, 116 Valmere Path, York – 717-741-0589

August 2 @ 3:00 p.m., Tina & Antolin Llorente, 7669 Grand Lake Dr., Seven Valleys 717-676-9929

August 2 @ 7:00 p.m., Wayne & Amber Dull, 1918 Cedar Dr., Spring Grove – 410-829-2601

August 9 @ 3:00 p.m., Dan & Kathryn Garber, 3533 Cimmeron Rd., York – 508-873-8173

August 9 @ 7:00 p.m., Sheridan & Jamie Palmer, 40 Dressage Ct., York – 717-451-3415

### Proper 11 A, 2020 Pastor's Sermon Isaiah 44:6-8 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sometimes when we are looking for something, seeking our hearts desire, yearning for that which has long been promised, when it presents itself we are unable to recognize it.

God's people, Israel, they were looking for a kingdom that would be better than that of David, or at least a kingdom where the leadership would be morally up-right, honest, true. They were looking for the Messiah, the promised one who would make all things new and usher in a new age where peace and justice would be the hallmarks of daily life and living. God's people then were looking for change. They were praying for change.

So when Jesus of Nazareth began to preach and teach, the crowds gathered and followed. This one, this Jesus of Nazareth was different from the mighty warriors they had known in previous ages. He was proclaiming a message that seemed to be more approachable. "You are the light of the world" he had told them when preaching on the mountain top. "You are salt" give flavor to the world. "Let your light shine before others and give glory to your Father in heaven" he announced with a boldness that instilled confidence even among the least of those gathered to hear.

When Jesus spoke to them and he began his stories with "the kingdom of heaven may be compared to..." people listened. They were seeking a new kind of kingdom. And even with their desire for change, for a different kind of leadership, a differently shaped kingdom, a different kind of justice, they didn't always recognize it in the moment, in the now. Perhaps it was because it seemed that God's promises were always for a time stretched out in the distance, a time that was unreachable given humanity's life span.

As Jesus moves around the region, crowds are still following. Disciples are still listening. Neither seems to be grasping what the kingdom of heaven is about. Jesus, God's Son, is in their presence, and this reality, this change in the nature and revelation of God is escaping their human understanding. The Disciples keep being offered special times where additional insights are granted, at least from Matthew's perspective. And yet there still seems to be a void in connecting what Jesus proclaims regarding the kingdom that is at hand.

When these parables resurface for Sunday preaching I know that we are being given another opportunity to think again about the kingdom;

kingdom life, here now, what Jesus proclaims,

how life in his kingdom is altered, how it is allowing for a better future.

Take note, or as Jesus says "listen!" Notice I didn't say **can be altered**, I said life is altered now allowing for a better future, a different way of living, change that is longed for, hopes that become realty.

The sower sows good seed. The enemy sows weeds. The workers identify the weeds early in their growth cycle. They want to gather them immediately removing them from the wheat. The one sowing the good seed says to leave them both until harvest. Then you won't risk uprooting any of the wheat. At harvest the weeds will be gathered and burned and the wheat will be gathered into the barn. That is a comparison to the kingdom of heaven.

This time around I admit that I find myself relating with the workers, who identify the work of the enemy, and who want to immediately rectify the unsightly situation. While I know we have weeds in our many beds of plants and flowers; the thought of the unsightly weeds growing to full stature is not something I personally want to see or allow to take place. I do however remember coming back to our house last summer after being gone for weeks on end and seeing the weeds as tall as the black-eyed Susan and Daises. They were easy to identify as we pulled them out by their roots and tossed them into the wheel barrow. It made a huge difference when the task was complete to see the flowers and plants without the distraction of the weeds. So I suppose that the aspect of the parable that is tugging at my being this morning has to do with **the patience that the sower is requesting of his servants**. I am trying to grasp something of the need and the desire to be patient in kingdom work and kingdom living; patience with myself and patience with others. It is challenging for me, perhaps it is for you too, to be patient when things in life are not the way I/we would like for them to be.

With this pandemic our patience wears thin; everyone from elected leaders to business owners, health officials to retail workers, why even the religious community grows impatient with rules, regulations, guidelines in order to slow the spread of an incognito virus circling around. We are such byproducts of our national culture. Immediacy permeates every fiber of our being: Fast food, Microwavable, Express lines, Easy Pass, Instagram, Overnight, Next day, and my favorite Pre aged blue jeans! Can we even imagine letting something grow until harvest?

When we hear Jesus in the parable speak those words "Let both grow together until harvest" it makes us uncomfortable. A tension arises between God's way and ours. It says that perhaps we are not competent to judge between:

wheat and tares good and bad in or out
Who is plucking up what? Are you sure those are weeds? (Zinnia seeds)
Only God can make such a judgment.

In the meantime perhaps kingdom life has something to do with being patient with one another. Those we know and those we don't. Those like us and those different from us. Those we like and those we don't like. From the parable's point of view Kingdom life needs an abundance of patience. It is part of Kingdom life.

Through Christ forgiveness is granted, granted for all our sins; the things that we have done and the things that we have left undone. With such good news comes the opportunity for change, for a different way to live, work, play, love, and be, as God's forgiven ones. Perhaps patience is part of what is granted in God's forgiving love in Christ Jesus. Patiently God is forgiving sin, welcoming us into kingdom work, and reminding us that the kingdom often reveals itself in ways that are different from what we desire, what we want, or how we conceive it to be. Patience is a sign of kingdom life. Maybe that's why patience is often said to be a virtue. "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Bo not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

or Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 [not printed]

Psalm 86:11-17

#### SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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.

is I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning

in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27And 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?' 28He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29But 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."

36Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

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