



TARES Look IDENTICAL To WHEAT



WHEAT: before it is fully ripe. TARES: Lolium Temulentum

Rector's Message

A warm word of welcome to our parishioners and to all who are visiting with us this weekend. We pray God's blessing upon you in this season of summer.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus continues his teaching regarding the sowing of the seed. The metaphor of a seed speaks to the potential for new life and harvest. God's Word is like seed given to us and to the world to bear the fruit of holiness and to bring goodness to all things. Just as in any garden or on any farm, good seed often has to compete for nourishment with weeds. So too, in the garden of our hearts and lives, the seed of God's Word can be choked out, diminished and in competition with the many weeds of this world.

Jesus advises his disciples not to try and uproot all the weeds, for fear that the good seed will be uprooted as well. This seems like strange advice, but of course, Jesus is speaking of real people –like you and me – all of us are valuable in God's sight and we live side by side with each other. God alone is judge and God alone will do the final reaping of the harvest. Our task is to do all we can to draw upon the nourishment of the Lord through daily prayer, our weekly gathering on the Lord's Day and the fellowship and service we offer to one another. In this manner, we will withstand the weeds that would threaten to choke out God's Word in our lives.

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St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Archdeacon Michael H. Mitchell

*To all who mourn or need comfort,
To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
To all who yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Bruce Holdbrook, Heather Hyson
Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner
Hostesses: Rosalie Knickle, Hope Demone

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 27TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black, Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Sheila Morris, Robert MacMillan, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Susan Foote
10:30am Margaret & Roger Mason; **Sidespersons:** Carrie & Audrey Skinner
Hostesses: Audrey & Carrie Skinner

Heritage Faith Vision

St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1793

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Music

Announcements and Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #384 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

All Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory To God

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.*

Merciful and patient God, you let your sun rise on both bad and good and let the rain fall on the just and the wicked alike. Thank you for your patience and your confidence. Change our hearts, give us the time to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus your Son, and dispose us to accept everyone with your own untiring love and trust. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 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. 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. 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; 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. 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.*" Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "*Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!*" 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.*" 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. He called that place Bethel. *GENESIS 28:10-19A*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN **Lord, your hand will hold me fast.**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. **R**

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **R**
Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. **R**

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. **R**

PSALM REFRAIN Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. **R**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting. **R**

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 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!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 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. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 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. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

ROMANS 8:12-25

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession #304 "All Things Are Thine"

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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



us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 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.'" Then Jesus 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." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil;

the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed *Let us join with Christians all over the world in professing our faith:*

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 to the dead. 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.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers*

Refrain: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon + and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #508 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Representatives of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar.

The Prayer Over The Gifts *Read by celebrant*

Lord our God, merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ invites to his table the weak with the strong, the proud with the humble. Receive all that we offer, so that by encountering Christ, the weak may become stronger and the good better, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

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 our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,

born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions,

and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All 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.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray to the Father in the words of Jesus:

**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, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,
The gifts of God for the People of God.*

All Thanks be to God.

The Communion

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

**Jesus Bread of life, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Prince of Peace you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

The communicant responds each time, Amen.

*This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

(Please join the choir in singing the Communion Hymn)

Communion Hymn #60 "I Come with Joy"

Prayer After Communion

Lord our God, you reveal your strength by being lenient with the weak. We have received your Son Jesus Christ in this Eucharist. Fill us with the power of his Spirit, that we may encourage rather than condemn, be constructive rather than hostile, accept one another rather than reject, work together rather than criticize. In this way may we become more your people among whom Jesus lives, our Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God, from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #434 "The Love of Jesus Calls Us"

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God – Karg Elert

WEEDS AND HERETICS - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

I cry, "This will not do at all!

This is a noxious weed that sprouts in God's good soil and spreads its nasty creed."

In wrath I fume and shout:

"To end this disrepute I'll tear the weedlings out exposing each foul root."

But as I rave more wild in my most zealous mood,
He says: "Keep out, my child, you'll do more harm than good;
your folly in my field would uproot wheat instead;
let things come to head, or risk your daily bread."

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines The Most Revd Edward Malecchan, Prime Bishop.
Diocesan Cycle: *Hackett's Cove*, Rev Andrew Cooke, Priest-in-Charge, and Valerie; *Hubbards*, Rev Laurie Omstead and Peter; *Westwood Hills*, Rev Tammy Hodge, Rev Lynda Downing, Deacon, Rev Randal Johnson.
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We are happy to report that \$2200.00 was raised at our Roast Beef Dinner last week. We appreciate so very much the kindness of the people who made this event a success – to the many volunteers who helped, to those who donated food and lastly to you for coming to support our event. Thank you.