

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (ESV)

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Romans 8:28-39 (ESV)

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those 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 among many brothers. 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 shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more

than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure 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.

Matthew 13:44-52 (ESV)

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. 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, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, 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 gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away 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 fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

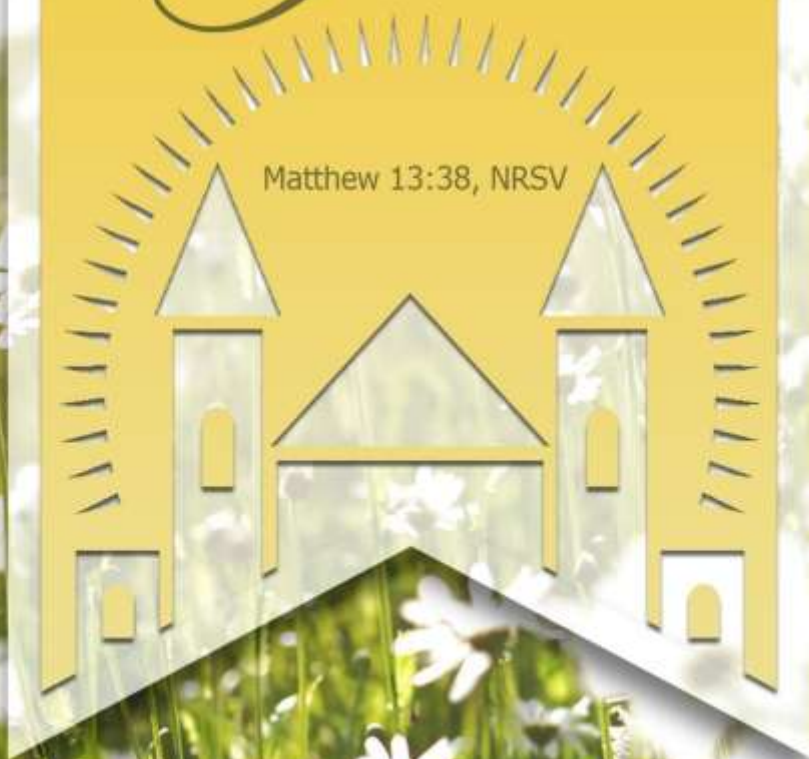
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and the good seed
are the children of the*

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Matthew 13:38, NRSV



July 26, 2026

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church, 17927 Dice Road, Hemlock, MI 48626
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As We Gather: Many people are intrigued by the idea of hidden treasure. Some people invest large amounts of time, energy and yes, even treasure, to search out and discover some further hidden treasure. In today's Gospel reading, our Lord "hid" the treasure of His Word within well-crafted stories that we call parables. He summed them up by saying that "the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." (Matthew 13:44-52) Today we search these parables for the treasures our Lord has put in them, and our prayer is "Lord, reveal Your truths to us."

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OPENING HYMN " <i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i> "	905
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CLOSING HYMN " <i>The Church's One Foundation</i> "	644

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Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
Elder	Dale Rohde
A/V	Paul Bohn
Ushers	Dale Rohde and Joel Hutfilz
Altar Guild	Connie Richardson and Chris Farrar

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 67 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,729 ~
Received for the Lord's Work \$1,834; Capital Projects \$20; God's Helping
Hands \$300.

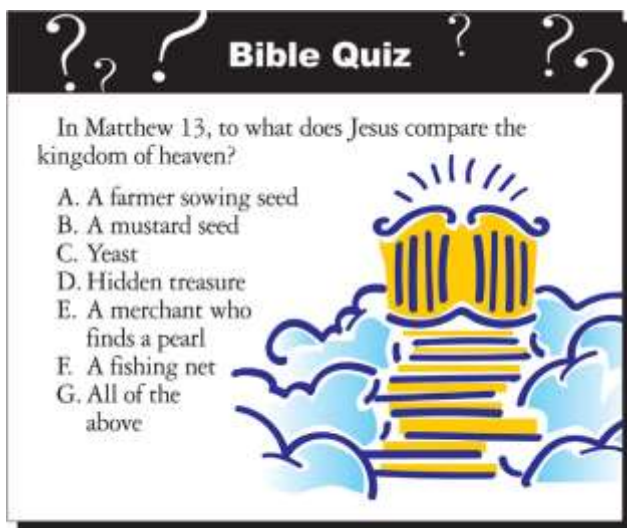
Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: July 26- Holley Hanson, Wesley Northrup, Pat Schullo (her 85th), Bobbie White; July 28- Clark Davis (his 89th), Mary Lou Garner; July 30- JoAnn Kreger, Roselynn LaLonde; July 31- Brandon Wietfeldt.

Thank You ~ *I would like to thank everyone for all the getwell prayers and birthday wishes. God bless you all!* Shirley Tessin

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who worked on this year's float. Thanks to Roger Kade, Dave Kade, Krista Kade, Bruce Tessin and Mark Hilbrandt for all their help! Come see our float in the parade at the Merrill Farm Fest (Saturday, August 8) and Hemlock Sawdust Days Saturday, (September 19 @ 10am)!

If you have excess garden produce you wish to share with God's Helping Hands, please drop it off the day before we open. We are open the second and fourth Saturday from 9-11 am. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Music Position ~ St Michael's Church in Richville is looking for a Director of Parish/School Music. Position can be full-time music/band teacher during the school year and/or part-time parish music. Happy to provide additional information to anyone that is interested. Please contact Lisa Schultz via email or text/phone. Lisa.schultz@live.com or (989)529-1710.



Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)