# St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

July 19, 2020 7th Sunday after Pentecost

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)** 



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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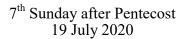
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St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA Isaiah 44:6–8 / Psalm 119:57–64 / Romans 8:18–27 / Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

> Sermon Title: The Parable of the Weeds Sermon Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ." (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

Weeds. When I am out in my garden pulling weeds, sometimes I mutter how much I dislike them. Other times, I simply pull as many of them as I am able. Unfortunately, sometimes I'm not able to pull the roots out when I pull up a weed. We usually think of weeds as a nuisance—a bad thing. Have you ever thought that since God also made weeds, that he thought they were good? Maybe.

In our Gospel lesson this morning, we are talking about the Parable of the Weeds. "<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '" (Matthew 13:24-30)

Here we have a farmer. He gave his workers good seed to plant in his field. The workers did as they were told. But then, someone came at night and sprinkled the seeds of weeds into that same field. No one knew any better until both the wheat and the weeds started growing together. That's when trouble started!

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also." (Matthew 13:24-26)

Maybe this seems like a strange parable to tell us today, but think about it for a minute. One way that you can ruin a farmer's crops is by doing something to the seed and the soil. In this parable Jesus talks about a farmer, who had planted good seed, and an enemy of that farmer wanted to cause him problems, so the second, evil farmer did what he knew could become a big problem—sow seeds of weeds in the same field. What if that happened today?

The first farmer wouldn't know any difference until the wheat AND weeds are growing together. That's when the first farmer sees the problem. But that first farmer knows that if his workers go out into the field now and try to pull up as many weeds as they are able, inevitably those workers will pull up the wheat in the process.

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Though now the field has wheat AND weeds growing together, this can be a problem. Sometimes weeds pull nutrients away from the wheat, but the two now grow side by side in the field. The good and the bad next to each other.

Think about this idea of good and bad in the church. Every single person on this planet is born into sin, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. But those people, who confess their sins receive God's gracious forgiveness. Those people who do not confess their sins, do not receive God's forgiveness. And yet, both people sit side by side in the church!

Jesus goes on to explain this parable: "<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup> He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels." (Matthew 13:36-39)

"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man." How does Jesus sow good seed? Through his Word. This is why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit after he ascended into heaven—so that the Holy Spirit could continue to teach us all that we need to know. And all that we need to know is written in the Bible.

This is why I constantly say that it's important for you to read or listen to God's Word every day—to fill up with Jesus—so you can know more about Jesus today than you did yesterday. When you fill up with Jesus—with the truth of God's Word—then you won't be swayed by random ideas that float by.

"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33b) Jesus knew that this broken world that we live in will never fully offer what you heart deeply desires—to be in constant fellowship with the Triune God. Jesus knew before he ascended into heaven that this world would throw all kinds of junk at those, who believe in him. This is why it's so important to regularly fill up with Jesus—to regularly read or listen to the Bible so that you will know the truth and that truth will set you free.

God creates faith in you and me, and then nurtures that faith. This is what Jesus is talking about in this Parable of the Weeds. "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one..."

This world we live in is our temporary home. This world offers enough to keep us going and much more, but this world is not our final destination—even for those people, who don't believe in God. "...the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one..." The sons of the kingdom are believers in Jesus Christ, who confess with their mouths and believe in their hearts that Jesus was raised from the dead. The sons of the evil one are people, who don't believe in Jesus. Of course, there are some people, who claim to believe in Jesus and yet act and talk like they have no interest in Jesus whatsoever.

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The devil uses all kinds of tactics—some of them subtle—some of them obvious—to get you to turn away from looking at Jesus for your strength and stamina—and to look to yourself—to get you through the difficult times.

And yet, Jesus wants us to find strength in him alone. Jesus wants us to trust him—even when we are at

tacked by all kinds of evil. Let us keep "looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

There will never be an end to the evil one moving around trying to find someone to devour. Martin Luther talks about the need to be aware of the devil and what you should do if you aren't interested in filling up with Jesus.

In the Small Catechism in the last section titled "Christians Questions with their Answers" this is what the last question asks: 20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need [of God's Word] and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament? To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in **Galatians 5** and **Romans 7**.

Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in **John 15–16** and in **1 John 2** and **5**.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in **John 8** and **16**; **1 Peter 5**; **Ephesians 6**; and **2 Timothy 2**. If you aren't interested in receiving from God, then review this question again and the Bible verses that are mentioned. When you claim to believe in Jesus, but you live like a pagan, that's when problems begin.

"<sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place 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. He who has ears, let him hear." (Matthew 13:40-43)

When Jesus began this Parable of the Weeds, he talked about how the farmhands asked the good farmer what had happened that weeds grew up in the field alongside the wheat. The farmhands suggested that they go out into the field and pull up all the weeds and get rid of them. The good farmer said: "... 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '" (Matthew 13:24-30)

And then Jesus explains that on the Last Day, when he returns, he will separate the wicked from the right-eous. The wicked will be sent away from God's presence. "...and [the angels] will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

But until that day comes, we wait. "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

God "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." (1 Timothy 2:4-6)

So instead of pulling up the weeds—or getting rid of sinners in the church—Jesus tells us that we should wait on God. God the Father allowed Jesus to die on a cross to give you and me and all people a new life in heaven.

While we wait, we should first confess our sins—since there is no end to sinning in our lives—then receive

God's gracious forgiveness. Then, we dig into God's Word and chew on the different parts—discussing them with other Christians to fully understand that part. When you confess your sins—pray—and read or listen to God's Word—then you are filling up with Jesus.

Because God loves you and me and all people more than you can imagine. While weeds continue to grow among the wheat—while wicked people continue to grow up alongside righteous people—we don't take people out to the city gate to stone them to death.

Instead, we confess our own sins, acknowledge where we have sinned against God, and then receive God's gracious, life-giving forgiveness. "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." (Galatians 6:1-3) To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Now, may the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An announcement from a fellow sister in Christ:

**HELPING HANDS:** Quilters are back at work! We will meet on Wednesday, July 22, @ 1 pm. Anyone is welcome. We will be social distancing—and we will wear face masks for extra safety. We have lots to do. Come join us for fun and fellowship. Zola Kafton.

Kenny Kruger says that the cherry tomatoes are ready in the garden and the cucumbers are ready to be picked and the peppers green bell and the yellow are ready to be picked, please feel free to help yourself to them.



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church 504 Walnut St., Mapleton, IA 51034



Sunday, July 19, 2020

Dear Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church,

Greetings to you on this seventh Sunday after Pentecost in the Name of Jesus! This past Sunday we had 30 people attending worship. Like the week before, it was a small gathering, but it was still another opportunity for us to start meeting again to receive from God all that he wants to give us.

We look forward to having you back in worship with us, but I also know that some of you might not feel ready yet, and that is okay! I want everyone to come to worship when they feel comfortable.

As most people did the last two Sundays, please continue to wear a facemask, keep at least six feet between members, and wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer regularly. Please be conscientious about other church members when you join us for worship.

If you aren't ready to return to worship, and you would like to receive Holy Communion, please call me and we will set up a time for that to happen. I know some members, who desire to receive Holy Communion, have told me that they aren't ready to return. This is why I want to give everyone an opportunity to receive Christ's Body and Blood in Holy Communion to strengthen your faith.

We still have bills to pay, and the Board of Directors would like to encourage you to give your regular offering even if you aren't actually in worship in the church building. You can mail your offering to the church. You can also drop your offering off at First State Bank in Mapleton in the "night deposit box." Mark your offering "For St. Matthew Lutheran Church."

As we continue to learn how to live with Covid-19, now more than ever I would really like to encourage you to find a Bible reading or listening plan and get started reading. Maybe you could start by reading or listening to one chapter a day through the Gospel of John. You could also do the same in the Book of Daniel. Of course, I'd also like to challenge you to find a reading or listening plan that leads you through the entire Bible either in one or two years.

The point behind a Bible reading plan is a gentle encouragement to develop a habit of filling up with Jesus by reading or listening to the Bible every day. When you get started on a reading or listening plan, and then you miss a couple of days, don't worry about it. Just pick up wherever you are and get reading or listening. If you need some suggestions for finding a Bible reading or listening plan, give me a call at the church. I'll be happy to help!

I would also like to encourage you to join many other members of the LCMS for the weekly Memory Verse Challenge. "The church confesses to Christ, 'You have the words of eternal life' (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...' (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. (https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge)

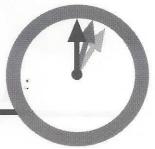
This week's memory verse: Romans 10:17. Previous weeks and their verses: July 6 — Romans 6:3–4 / June 29 — Matthew 11:28 / June 22 — Romans 3:23–24. If you have been memorizing Scripture portions—either the ones listed in our mailings or other passages, let me know what you're memorizing. I would like to rejoice with you and your memory work! God bless you with his peace and joy.

Sincerely, Pastor Chris LaBoube





Job 19:25-27



# God's Word

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:25–27)

# FOR SHARING

- 1. For what does your heart yearn? *Note*: Our hearts usually yearn for the things that complete the sentence: "If I only...then I'd be happy."
- 2. How do you think most people in society would complete this sentence: "And after my skin has been destroyed"...?
- 3. How can that for which our hearts yearn, affect that which will occur after "my skin has been destroyed"?
- 4. Throughout history people have been buried with that for which their heart yearned—Elvis with his car, an elderly woman with her pet cat, etc. These people have challenged the "You can't take it with you" philosophy. Job also challenged this philosophy. How?
- 5. Through faith in Jesus, God forgives us when our heart yearns for things other than Him. Through His Word He strengthens our faith enabling us to "take it with us" so that we can confess with Job, "And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." Because Jesus lives, of what can we also be assured?

# PRAYER

Confess your yearning for things other than God.
Give thanks to God for His forgiveness through Jesus.
Ask God to help you share your confidence and hope in eternal life with others, especially those who do not know Jesus or their Savior.

Praise God for the gift of eternal life through Jesus.

# Dueling Dreams



# Daily Spiritual Requirement

Raising children without God's word is like running a marathon with one leg. Don't limp through parenthood. Let God's word be your other leg!

- 1. Explain to your children that God gave us His word to help us know Him better and to trust His love—that it is more than a book—His power backs His word.
- 2. Ask your children questions about the Bible verses they bring home from Sunday school. There is nothing like a question to help a child think.
- 3. Let your children SEE you using the Bible verses; perhaps a verse or two tucked in your pocket or purse?
- 4. Choose a verse and pray with your child for the Holy Spirit to help you both understand the verse better. (you cannot understand scripture without prayer and you cannot pray rightly without scripture.)

- 5. Share what a special Bible verse means to you and how it has helped you believe in, understand, and trust God more.
- 6. Put God's Word on display in your home. You don't have to visit a Christian gift store to find something nice. The internet has many beautiful coloring projects, some for framing, some for hanging. Let your child help you decorate.
- 7. When sharing a Bible verse, always do so with love. God is Love!
- 8. Consider putting a little plaque with a Bible verse near the doorbell, something your children and their friends see every time they enter your home.
- 9. Tell all other adults in your children's lives about your efforts to surround your children with Bible verses. Ask for their support.
- 10. Put a verse on the dashboard of your car.
- 11. Use Bible verses to comfort, correct, encourage, and protect your child. Put verses in a bowl and once a day, or when your child has a need, pass the bowl—feed their spirits and yours!

A useful website with hundreds of free individual printable Bible verses: www.bibleparent.com

#### Note:

In Deuteronomy 11:18-21 NIV, God puts the responsibility of sharing Bible verses with children squarely on parents. Don't make yours do without! A close read of the three Bible verses reveals that the word "you" appears four times and the word "your" nine times. Not once do the verses mention a weekly visit to church; the important daily work is to be done in the home.

# Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (NIV)

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

# BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Albers	Jerry	Jul 24, 1938
Arndt	Herman	Jul 4, 1960
Brodersen	Nathan	Jul 19, 1981
Brown	Brenda	Jul 14, 1963
Bruhn	Jared	Jul 13,1986
Bumsted	Barbara	Jul 14, 1955
Fick	Phyllis	Jul 6, 1928
Hamann	Kerensa	Jul 5, 2014
Hamann	Katelynn	Jul 23, 2000
Kaderabek	Nazaria	Jul 14, 2019
Kelm	Raylyn	Jul 18, 2010
Kelm	Lyle	Jul 1, 2018
Kelm	Henry	Jul 12, 2015
Kueny	Karen	Jul 11, 1948
LaBoube	Christina	Jul 23, 1989
Marsh	Durene	Jul 21, 1960
Meseck	Randi	Jul 22, 1948
Meseck	MaKenna	Jul 16, 2006
Pope	Sharon	Jul 21, 1940
Schauer	Bert	Jul 11, 1957
Skow	Mavis	Jul 28, 1953
Wessling	Dorothy	Jul 26, 1942
Witzel	Hans	Jul 7, 1935



We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit.

# **BIRTHDAYS**

Albers	Jerry	Jul 24, 1938 <b>81</b>
Bridgeman	Tasha	Jul 4, 1987
Brodersen	Autumn	Jul 27, 2006
Christiansen	Evelyn	Jul 4, 1920 <b>99</b>
Dale	Kristi	Jul 21, 1961
Goslar	Sarah	Jul 20, 1983
Hamann	Marilyn	Jul 14, 1945
Hamann	Harold	Jul 8, 1944
Hogan	Marla	Jul 18, 1960
Ingram	Kay	Jul 12, 1939 <b>80</b>
Kaderabek	Nazaria	Jul 2, 1963
Kiepe	Arlene	Jul 29, 1917 <b>102</b>
McBride	Bernie	Jul 13, 1935 <b>84</b>
Namanny	Dennis	Jul 24, 1944
Schauer	Bert	Jul 25, 1956
Scheer	Caden	Jul 28, 2009
Scott	Kolby	Jul 9, 2004
Weber	Benjamin	Jul 6, 1995



# **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Roger and Kay Ingram	Jul 12, 1957
Dennis and Ann Livermore	Jul 31, 1970

If your birthday or baptism birthday or the birthday or baptism birthday of any church member you know doesn't appear on the list – it is because we don't have it on file. Please contact the church office so this information can be added to our information data.

It is <u>important</u> that all information on our church members be kept updated – including birthday, baptism, confirmation, marriage, children and change of address. Please keep the office updated

# Give the office a call or the Pastor...

Before going to hospital Private communion Making wedding plans

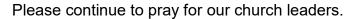
Death in the family

Address or name changes

Birth of your baby

Entering armed services

Desire to serve you Lord through the Church





# "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

# **Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**

<u>PRAYER WARRIORS</u>— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call Alice Miller phone number 712-880-2380.

<u>Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns needing our prayers.</u> Please call the church office if you want to be added to this list for any reason, thank you.

Nazaria Kaderabek Bud Dose Kevin Dose Selma Schrader Elnora Dose Robert Banks Arlene Kiepe Carol Dose Joyce Kruse Sue Oberg

Peg Jacobson Marla Hogan Sue Kruse

Bonnie Banks— a prayer for concerns for her husband. (not being able to be with him)

### Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Sheri Heilman— Sue Oberg's sister; Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; Kirby Reitz son of Don & Carolyn former members their address: 7214 South Bitterroot Court Sioux falls SD 57108.; Steve Ashley, (former member's address: Intensive care unit rm 4 Unity Point Health 2720 Stone Park Blvd Sioux City, IA 51104); Kim Whitton (Marilyn & Duane Hamann daughter); Jerri Haindfield (Marilyn & Duane Hamann daughter)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Triston Twedt; Ryan Trucke; Jackie Cardwell

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

**Bob Banks** 92 yrs. Aug 7, 1928

Maple Heights Nursing Home

Sunrise Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

Wedding ann. Nov. 12, 1955

Bonnie Banks 86 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

Main Street Apartments 516 Main Street Apt 2 Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 88 yrs. Sept. 2,

1932

1726 Marcella Heights

Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

Ring Street

Mapleton IA 51034

\*\*Myrna Gosch 79 yrs. Jan 9,1941

Pleasant View Care Center

200 Shannon Dr.

Whiting, IA 51063

Delores Boysen 81 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave Hinton, IA 51024

Elnora Dose 85 yrs. May 11, 1935

Embassy Rehab & Care Center

206 Port Neal Rd

Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054

\*\* indicates a new address

**Arlene Kiepe 103 yr.** July 29, 1917

Maple Heights Nursing Home

Sunrise Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living

404 1st St.

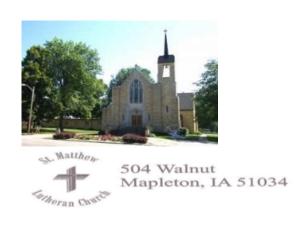
Battle Creek, IA 51006

Evelyn Christiansen 100 yrs. Jul 4, 1920

4204 SE, 29th Ave.

Amarillo, TX 79103 % Joan Valdez

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded



#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE:

Facebook page: St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton—Our services at 9 am every Sunday

website: www.stmatthewmapleton.org – Our services posted weekly

WEB SITES: Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org Camp Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org

"THY STRONG WORD" is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM)

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page.

"THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM



 $\mathcal{L}_{ord}$  I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today. To guide you and protect you as you go along your  $g_{pr}$  way...His love is always with you, His promises are true. And when we give Him all our cares, you know He rayer will see us through.