"...to a Christian the true tragedy of Nero must not be that he fiddled while the city was on fire but that he fiddled on the brink of hell. You must forgive me for the crude monosyllable. I know that many wiser and better Christians than I in these days do not like to mention heaven and hell even in a pulpit. I know, too, that nearly all the references to this subject in the New Testament come from a single source. But then that source was our Lord Himself. People will tell you that it is St Paul, but that is untrue. These overwhelming doctrines are dominical. They are not really removable from the teaching of Christ or his Church. If we do believe them, our presence in this church is great tomfoolery. If we do, we must sometime overcome our spiritual prudery and mention them '

— CS Lewis, 'Learning in War-Time'



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# Gathering

#### Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Welcome

### Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain Life and salvation His empire shall bring And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song A song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need Lift up a heart of praise Sing now with voices raised to Jesus, Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray We will be ready the dawn of that day We'll join in singing with all the redeemed 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

SONG — Zach Fleury

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

## Message

Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Title: Wheat & Weeds

**Series: Church Without Walls** 

**Speaker: Dave Sellers** 

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.""

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. <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.

**The Master's Calling** — by Thad Cockrell Listen while you still can hear Listen while you still can hear The Master's calling The Master's calling

Bow down while your knees still bend Bow down while your knees still bend The Master's calling The Master's calling

I don't wanna walk away
Walk away from Him
No, I don't wanna walk away
Don't wanna walk away from Him
Bind me to your side
Bind me to your side

Seek him though your eyes don't see Seek him though your eyes don't see The Master's calling The Master's calling

Praise him while your lips still sing Praise him while your lips still sing The Master's calling The Master's calling

I don't wanna walk away Walk away from Him No, I don't wanna walk away Walk away from Him Bind me to your side Bind me to your side

STORIES — Allen and Nancy Lim, Andrew and Noelle Wolff

BENEDICTION

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

### Announcements

**Prayer Request** Pray for those who are suffering and dying due to COVID19. Pray for peace and safety in our land.

**Winter Women's Bible Study** While the calendar page turns, and things shift around us, the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8). Join us as we begin a New Testament study into the book of Colossians, using Ruth Chou Simon's videos and study book *Truthfilled*. We will meet via Zoom for this seven-week study, starting the week of January 18, through the week of March 8 (No meetings on week of Feb 15-- Midwinter break for schools). For more info, email Kerri Koenig: kerri@crosssound.org

**Bible Reading Plan** Cross Sound Church uses BibleClassMaterial. com which offers an easy to use 5 Day Bible Reading Plan. Click the link to download and print out your material, ready to be used or duplicated as needed: <a href="https://www.crosssound.org/resources">www.crosssound.org/resources</a>

Community Group - Get connected! The 10-week Winter session has begun! Email Roger Barber at irbarbers@gmail.com. Please indicate your group/day preference (see below):

Dave & Carrie Sellers - Tuesday (Kid Friendly)

Mark & Cheryl Harrison - Thursday (Poulsbo)

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott - Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)

Dave & Laura O'Connell - Thursday (Kid Friendly)

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber - Saturday

Patrick & Jenny Kilby - Sunday (at noon) (Kid Friendly)

Jeff & Ann Ogard - Sunday (Poulsbo)

**Crisis Hotline Volunteers Needed** for Coffee Oasis, a ministry that helps local homeless youth, have seen a huge increase in the number of kids struggling emotionally and thus using a text hotline they offer. Interested? *Email joshua.goss@thecoffeeoasis.com* or go to <a href="https://thecoffeeoasis.com/volunteer/">https://thecoffeeoasis.com/volunteer/</a>

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY: Friday mornings via zoom. Email Roger: irbarbers@gmail.com for link - MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept.17-21, 2021 @ Ft. Worden

If you need support, would like prayer, or have a question, contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus COVID-19 Hardship? Reach out. Please send a note to info@crosssound.org

**Financial Update:** Last week's total \$2,750 Actual Income to Date \$640,569.78 Budgeted Income to Date \$563,432.40 Annual Budget (7/19-6/20): \$1,019,623 You can support the worship and the work of the church at www.crosssound.org/give