

Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Matthew 18:21–35

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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September 13, 2020 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - A**

WELCOME to where we hear about true freedom in Christ Jesus. Through His grace He enlivens us and lightens the crosses we carry. If you are desiring to commune this week prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to one of the pastors before the service concerning your intentions to accept the privilege of communing.

WORSHIP PRAYER O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 50:15-21 *Joseph is reconciled to his brothers*

EPISTLE: Romans 14:1-12 *We belong to the Lord.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35 *Parable of the unforgiving servant*

CATECHETICAL LESSON Table of Duties: **To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers-** The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgement as the devil. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. -2-

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(Sept 13-20)

- Sun/Sept 13 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost-A**
Rally Sunday with the start of Sunday School & Bible Class
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am
Coffee & fellowship, 9am
Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am
- Mon/Sept 14
- Tues/Sept 15 Quilters, 9am-3pm
Staff Meeting, 3pm
Elders Meeting, 7pm
- Wed/Sept 16 Jr. Confirmation, 6pm
- Thur/Sept 17 The Seekers, 1pm
Board of Education, 6pm
- Fri/Sept 18 Newsletter Deadline
Taylor/Mallea Wedding Rehearsal, 5:30pm
- Sat/Sept 19 Taylor/Mallea Wedding, 2pm
- Sun/Sept 20 **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost-A**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am
Coffee & fellowship, 9am
Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to those having birthdays this week:

- 9/13: Axel Lindquist
9/14: Logan Goroski, Xander Hopkins
9/15: June Beck, Marshall Severson
9/16: Jim Meyer, Carter Riebe, Judy Rosin, Ray Wasness
9/17: Matthew Heupel, Rose Rios
9/19: Kenneth Dathe, Cheyenne Deplazes

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to those having anniversaries this week:

- 9/13: Scott & Cybil Johnson
9/18: Lenny & Brenda Heupel

MAILBOXES Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes.

September 13, 2020
Fifteenth Sun after Pentecost-A

- Processional Hymn #867
Confession and Absolution p. 167
Introit *See insert*
Kyrie p. 168
"This is the feast..." p.171
Salutation & Collect p. 172
Old Testament *See back*
Gradual *See insert*
Epistle *See back*
Alleluia & Verse p.173
Gospel *See back*
Presenting of Children's Bibles
Sermon Hymn: #849
Sermon: Romans 14:1-12
"Convinced in One's Own Mind"
Nicene Creed p. 174
Prayers & Offering
Preface & Sanctus p. 177-178
Lord's Prayer & Institution p. 179
Agnus Dei p. 180
Distribution & Hymns #760, #596, #744
"Thank the Lord..." p. 181
Prayer & Benediction p.183
Closing Hymn #496

**-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-
USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:**

for last Thursday & both Sunday Services: 18 + 56 + 29= 103

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 7,202.77	\$ 6,145.10
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 665.08	\$ 679.55

<u>THROUGH JULY:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 25,653.70	\$224,422.52
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 40,504.07	\$277,214.26
Net	\$-14,850.37	\$-52,791.74

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,689.99	\$ 42,185.92
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 1,435.20	\$ 29,902.90
Net	\$ 4,249.33	\$ 12,283.02

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (9/20)

ELDERS:	Sun 8am: Bill Kitzman Sun 10:45am: Lenny Heupel
AV:	Sun 8am: Kevin Osmondson/Dominic Rosales Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler/Carter Riebe
USHERS:	Sun 8am: *Larry Weil Diana Weil, Gary Wohl Sun 10:45am: *Todd Reber Mike Peterson, Steve Vogel
ACOLYTES:	Sun 8am: Austin Trzruc Sun 10:45am: Gatlin Strohm
MUSICIANS:	Sun 8am & 10am: Susan Jahnke
ALTAR GUILD	SEPT: Larry & Diana Weil

USHERS NEEDED We are in great need of ushers. This is an area we were low in volunteers prior to COVID-19, but now we are especially hit hard because many of the normal ushers are not able to attend our actual worship services. You can designate early or late service and sign up for dates of your choosing. The tasks are easy to do and currently modified during this COVID period. If you have questions, please ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service and dates. Thank you for considering helping out in this area!

COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:

OUR WEB SITE: www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am and on KFNV AM 1200 and 102.5 FM at 8am.

Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board.
www.lutheranhour.org.

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS

Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfuo.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM Sept. 20: **Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND**, presents the message: "Shocking Good News!", based on Matthew 20:1-16. This Is The Life program: "To Take a Life" -A devoted son's loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die. MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9:00am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1 AND 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3, and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com.

ATTENDING NDSU OR UND, or have a child attending, this fall? Please let us know so that we may pass your info on to our campus ministry agencies at both schools. Lutheran Student Fellowship is led by Pastor Steve Schulz at NDSU and by Pastor Dan Suelzle at UND. We pray that they will be a blessing to you and help you keep your faith close as you navigate college.

LWML BLUE BOOKS The LWML is selling Blue Book coupons again! Please see a member of the LWML or the church office to purchase a book today!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS will continue its travel through Luke continuing at Luke 13:31ff. Walk with Jesus as He gets closer and closer to Jerusalem and reveals more and more about His death and resurrection and what it meant to the disciples and what it means for us!

ARE YOU LOOKING for a way to further support the sanctity of human life? If so, please consider occasionally taking an hour or two whenever you are able to provide an additional "sidewalk presence" near the abortion facility in downtown Fargo on Wednesdays. Life-saving options include: praying, offering brochures, holding signs, and/or extending a verbal offer to help choose life. Free help, including ultrasounds for those with an unexpected pregnancy, are available at the "Women's Care Center" (formerly "First Choice Clinic") now re-located only 7 blocks away! For more information feel free to contact Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092. Thank you.

2021 GOD'S CREATION WALL CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE
The youth group is once again selling God's Creation wall calendars. Need a calendar for 2021? Do you enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the encouragement of God's Word? Have friends and love ones in need of Christmas gifts? Then the God's Creation wall calendar is for you. The price is \$10 each and can be purchased from a member of the youth group (grades 6-12). A sample is also available for viewing in the information center.

EASTERN ZONE LYF HAY RIDE & BONFIRE is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th from 7-9pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin. There is no cost, and ingredients for s'mores will be provided. Bring your own camp or lawn chair, however. Registration information is available on the youth bulletin board in the hallway. Please complete the registration and return to Pastor Harvala by Sunday, September 27th.

ND DISTRICT LCMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING will be held October 22-24 at Bismarck Ramada Inn. The theme is "God > Me." Youth in grades 6-8, along with adult and teen counselors, are invited to join us for three days of Bible study, service, and fellowship. St. Andrew will cover half of the registration fee for youth participants. Registration information on the youth bulletin board.

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE NEEDS:

Food Donations The Board of Human Care is in need of nonperishable food items such as Hamburger Helper and canned or boxed pasta meals. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket near the coat rack area.

Meals The Board is also looking for more volunteers who would be willing to make a meal for someone recovering from surgery or illness or someone who has experienced a death in the family. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

School Supplies During the months of August and September there will be school supplies set out in the narthex for anyone in need. Please help yourselves.

SHEPHERD'S HILL MEN'S RETREAT Sept 18-19 Come and enjoy thought-provoking Scripture-based presentation, fellowship, music, good food, card games, skeet shooting, 3 meals, lodging, snacks, games, fireside chats, etc. Father & son duos are encouraged to come. Rev. Les Wolfgram, chaplain for ND Highway Patrol and a Crisis Care Chaplain for Burleigh and Morton Counties, will speak about the connection between Law Enforcement Agencies and the Christian. Begins with supper Friday at 6:00 P.M. & ends about 3:00 P.M. Saturday. \$85/person. TO REGISTER VISIT SHRETREAT.ORG OR CALL 701-244-5225

LLL VIRTUAL FALL EVENT How can we share God's love through spiritual conversations to our family, friends, and neighbors? Join us to learn more at the LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event on Saturday, September 26 at home from your own internet device. This new online format includes presentations and training on information to share the Gospel with the unreached featuring LHM leaders:

- " Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, the Lutheran Hour® Speaker,
- " Kurt Buchholz, President & CEO,
- " Rev. Dr. Tony Cook, VP Global Ministries,
- " Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Director, Design and Development
- " Community Development manager, Jennifer Prophete will be the host for the day.

The online presentations beginning at 9:00 a.m. (central) and will conclude at 12:00 noon (central). Register today at <https://www.lhm.org/LLL2020/>. If you have further questions or need more information contact Kirk Rosin, North Dakota LLL President, at krosin@juno.com or call 701-361-6441. Online registration is open through September 21, 2020.

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 I have fled to you for | refuge!
 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
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