

Isaiah 55:6–9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1–16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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September 20, 2020 Sixteenth 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 Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55:6-9 "Seek the Lord."

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 "To live is Christ, and to die is gain."

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16 Parable of the vineyard laborers

CONCERN FOR OTHERS IN THE PEW The 8am service is nearing capacity for social distancing. If there are people looking for seats and you are sitting on an end when there's no one in the middle, please be kind either by sliding in, or by getting up and inviting them in. Also, consider going to the later service. There's plenty of room available at the 10:45 service.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES (September 20-27)

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
Mon/Sept 21 Trustee Meeting, 7pm
Tues/Sept 22 Staff Meeting, 1pm
Wed/Sept 23 Jr. Confirmation, 6pm
Thur/Sept 24 Newsletter Assembly, 9am
Fri/Sept 25
Sat/Sept 26
Sun/Sept 27 **Seventeenth 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:

9/23: Larry Johnson, Ron Leon
9/24: Amy Bolding
9/25: Dallas Kramlich, Ella Livingston
9/26: Nolan Clark, Randy Fiechtner, Carter Hins, Gary Muhl, Lloyd Ruud

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to those having anniversaries this week:

9/21: Sharon & Jerald Hurt, Lance & Laura Kitzen, Jason & Jennifer Renfrew
9/24: Steve & MaryJo Lindquist

MAILBOXES Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes.

COFFEE & TREATS We are starting up coffee & treats again! Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Thank you! Also, thanks to Tom and Celeste Moltzan for starting us off this Sunday.

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Processional Hymn #827
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
Sermon Hymn: #720
Sermon: Matthew 20:1-6
"The Privilege of Working in the Kingdom"
Apostles' Creed p. 175
Prayers
Preface & Sanctus p. 177-178
Lord's Prayer & Institution p. 179
Agnus Dei p. 180
Offering, Distribution & Hymns #623, #596, #555
"Thank the Lord..." p. 181
Post Communion Collect p. 183
Benediction p.183
Closing Hymn #854

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

for last Sunday Services: 88 + 51 = 139

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 6,885.01	\$ 9,225.73
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 1,009.11	\$ 1,255.13

<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: (9/27)

ELDERS:	Sun 8am: Dan Klug Sun 10:45am: Robert Eidbo
AV:	Sun 8am: Joe Cajobe/Gavin Hruza Sun 10:45am: Ray Wasness/Lindsey Erickson
USHERS:	Sun 8am: *Lloyd Ruud Steve Beltz, Connie Klug Sun 10:45am: *Kirk Rosin Mike Hendrickson, Steve Lindquist
ACOLYTES:	Sun 8am: Miriam Harvala Sun 10:45am: Shonteau Wasness
MUSICIANS:	Sun 8am & 10am: Jodi Pierce
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. 27: **Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, MN**, presents the message: "By Whose Authority?", based on Matthew 21:23-27. This Is The Life program: "Sharing the Gospel" -Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end. 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.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to the installation of Rev. David Samuel "Sam" Pitsch at 3pm today at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1000 14th St S) in Moorhead. Rejoice with our sisters and brothers in Christ at the arrival of their new shepherd, and give thanks to God for continuing to provide workers in his harvest field. Masks are required inside the building and will be provided for those who do not have their own.

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.

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!

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CATECHISMS available, now that we have begun our transition to the new (2017) edition in our confirmation classes. If you would like a copy of the older (1991) edition, we have both NIV and ESV versions available. Please speak to one of the pastors if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Celebration of Grace (Lutheran School) on November 20. This event includes the auctions.

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 people 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.

LLL VIRTUAL FALL EVENT Last chance to register for the LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event on Saturday, September 26. Evangelism has changed in the past 25 years. The ways Christians engage in spiritual conversations and sharing faith are different. Technology and rapid cultural shifts have redefined the ways we communicate. This new virtual opportunity includes presentations and training to share the Gospel with others featuring LHM leaders from your home internet device:

" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, the Lutheran Hour® Speaker,

" Kurt Buchholz, President & CEO,

" Rev. Dr. Tony Cook, VP, Global Ministries,

" Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Director of Design and Development,

" Community Dev. 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 701-361-6441. Online registration is open through September 21, 2020.

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe*

Their Pastors- The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." We ask you brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Introit

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
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O LORD, I am your | servant;*

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Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Verse

Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

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