

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Philippians 2:1–4 (5-13), 14–18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Matthew 21:23–27 (28-32)

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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September 27, 2020 Seventeenth 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 Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 *"When a wicked person turns...he shall save his life."*

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18 *"Look...to the interests of others."*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32) *Jesus and the elders; parable of the man with two sons*

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

(Sept 27-Oct 4)

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

Mon/Sept 28

Tues/Sept 29 Staff Meeting, 1pm
Council, 7pm

Wed/Sept 30 Jr. Confirmation, 6pm

Thur/Oct 1 The Seekers, 1pm

Fri/Oct 2

Sat/Oct 3

Sun/Oct 4 **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-A**
LWML Sunday
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
Eastern Zone LYF Hayride in Sabin, 7-9pm

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to those having birthdays this week:

9/27: Delores Fischer, Joan Prochnow
9/28: Joseph Pistorius
9/29: Rodney Olson
10/1: Liz Clark
10/2: Tony Borslien, Clara Fuss, Mike Hendrickson, Henley Meyer, Anna Rossow
10/3: Alexis Hruza, Nevaeh Laugisch, Augustus Myhre, Andrew Roberts

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to those having anniversaries this week:

9/27: Gregory & Shari Else
9/28: Kaija & Jason Kirby
9/29: Christopher & Julie Erickson
10/1: Robert & Ann Sherrill, Charles & Joyce Weible

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Processional Hymn #876
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: #974
Sermon: Ezekiel 18:1-4
"But That's Not Fair"
Nicene Creed p. 174
Prayers
Preface & Sanctus p. 177-178
Lord's Prayer & Institution p. 179
Agnus Dei p. 180
Offering, Distribution & Hymns
#744, #549, #712
"Thank the Lord..." p. 181
Post Communion Collect p. 183
Benediction p.183
Closing Hymn #664

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

for last Sunday Services: 64 + 35 = 99

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 5,178.22	\$ 5,444.87
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 515.00	\$ 540.20

<u>THROUGH AUGUST:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 34,453.63	\$258,876.15
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 35,574.26	\$312,788.52
Net	\$ -1,120.63	\$-53,912.37

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 48,571.92
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,085.06	\$ 35,987.96
Net	\$ 300.94	\$ 12,583.96

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (10/4)

ELDERS: Sun 8am: Emmett Wilson

Sun 10:45am: Lenny Heupel

AV: Sun 8am: Kevin Osmondson/Preston Geist

Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler/Emily Visto

USHERS: Sun 8am: *Jeff Pierce

Jordan Pierce, Todd Berg

Sun 10:45am: *Todd Reber

Sandie Eaton, Penny Maurer

ACOLYTES: Sun 8am: Ashlyn Hins

Sun 10:45am: Audrey Weidner

MUSICIANS: Sun 8am & 10:45am:

ALTAR GUILD Brenda & Lenny Heupel, Lanae Cajobe, Linda Glass

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 KFNW 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 Oct. 4: **Rev. Mike Suelzle, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND,** presents the message: "Made His Own," based on Philippians 3:12. This Is The Life program: "The Missing Ingredient" - Bob (Jack Nicholson) and his fiancée Lynn (Susan Crane) are planning their wedding when she overhears her parents planning to separate after the wedding. Suddenly, Lynn has some reservations. 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.

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!

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.

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Table of Duties: Of Civil Government*- Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgement on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment o the wrongdoer.

COMING SOON The youth group will be selling Butter Braids frozen pastries beginning October 1. The sale will run through October 15, and the product will be delivered in mid-November. There will also be an online ordering option available. Details will be shared once the fund raiser is underway.

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 for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
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Gradual

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
 to guard you in | all your ways.
 Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
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