

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let 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. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Epistle

Romans 10:5-17

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-11

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

He makes HIS sun rise on THE evil and on THE GOOD

Matthew 5:45



About the Cover: Our dear heavenly Father loves all His creation. “He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good” (Matthew 5:45). God maintains His creation for the sake of His creation. As His dear children, we look forward to living with Him for eternity, yet we have the same earthly struggles as others, and we believe that He will deliver us. Thanks be to God for His loving care!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 15 & 19, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Special Order of Service

Hymns: 901, 540, 805, 395, 869, "To You, O Christ, Be Thanks and Praise"
(Tune: 344)

Sermon: "Into Your Hand I Commit My Spirit" Psalm 31:5

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/08 Wed.):	38	Offering:	\$1,115.41
Attendance 2/12 (Sun):	103	Offering:	\$1,373.36
S.S. - 18	Staff - 8	B.C. - 10	
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00		Scrip Profit 2/12: \$ 42.75	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (2/20) March Newsletter Items Due
TUES (2/21) 9:45 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Conf., Two Rivers
WEDS (2/22) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Worship
District Sunday
8:00 p.m. Church Council
SUN (2/26) 8:00 a.m. S.S./No B.C.
9:00 a.m. Worship
District Sunday
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Chili Dinner

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Jim & Florence Behnke.

LENTEN MEALS: The first meal is Ash Wednesday, March 1st from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for the first two meals. Menu - Mar. 1: Lasagna/Seafood Lasagna, Salads, Garlic bread, Dessert, Beverage

2017 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the church narthex if you'd like a copy.

MEN NEEDED to serve as **ELDERS & VICE PRESIDENT** - Prayerfully consider serving our church in one of these capacities. We feel that some of you have the God-given ability to faithfully fill these offices. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger or Joel Koerth (congregation president).

MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE - If you are interested in participating in the bracket challenge here at church, please sign up on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$1 per person. The winner receives a \$25 scrip card and any proceeds will go toward the Hearing Loop Fund. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 5.

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS - Be a life preserver and shine the light of Christ into the lives of our military men and women by giving a gift for the purchase of military Biblesticks. Each Biblestick costs \$25.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT: Chili dinner on February 26th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container.

LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP with their annual chili dinner on Feb. 26th. With several of our members with health issues, we could use some of you to give us a hand on Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can give an hour or two of your time on Saturday a.m. or Sunday a.m., especially with serving. If you can help out by baking a pie, please sign up on the bulletin board as well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: Today in Sunday school, we studied the account "Jesus Walks on Water." Jesus was gracious to Peter when he feared drowning. Jesus is gracious to us and is ready to catch us as we sink in sin and unbelief; His hand is always strong to save us. Consider asking, "How did Jesus rescue Peter? How does Jesus rescue us?"