

Old Testament *Leviticus 19:13–18*

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–10

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

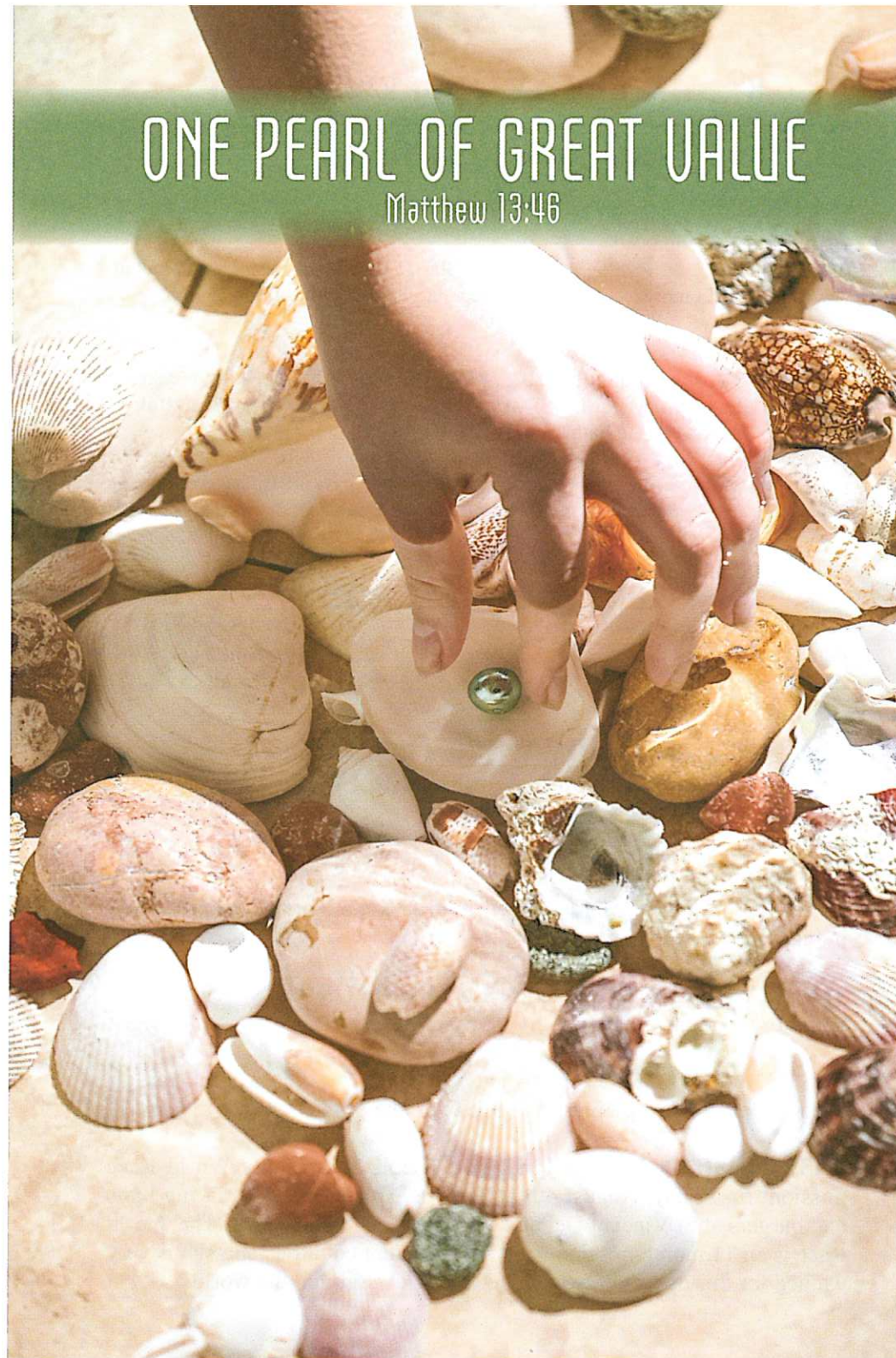
Holy Gospel

Mark 12:28–34

²⁸One of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

ONE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE

Matthew 13:46



About the Cover: Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure” (Matthew 13:44 ESV). God values His creation and all who believe in Him to be a great prize, “one pearl of great value.” God so values His children that He sent His own Son to suffer and die for our redemption. Jesus willingly came to our rescue because He valued us above life itself. Praise and honor be to our God and Savior!



8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26 & 30, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Special Order of Service

Hymns: "Oh, How Good It Is," 803, "King of Love," "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" (AGPS 237 vs. 1-2), 805, "How Beautiful," "How Deep the Father's Love for Us," 649

Sermon: "The 'Love Your Neighbor' Thing" Romans 13:8-10

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 7/19 (Wed.): 47	Offering: \$ 795.00
Attendance 7/23 (Sun.): 51	Offering: \$1,459.00
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 7/23: \$ 58.25

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (8/02)	7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
FRI (8/04)	Office Closed
SUN (8/06)	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Jared & Katie Plate who were united in marriage (7/29).

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Jeff & Holly Schlender in honor of their anniversary.

PASTOR ON VACATION – July 31-Aug. 7 – If pastoral care is needed, contact Pastor Niles (853-3656) or one of the elders.

MISSION SUPPORT - Help support Nicole Wittmann's World Race mission trip Friday, August 4th at her Brat Fry. She will be frying brats and burgers at St Vincent DePaul, Hilbert from 10am to 2pm. The World Race is an 11 month mission trip to 11 different countries and she is very excited for this opportunity to share God's love around the world.

HOLY COMMUNION IN AUGUST will be celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays and the previous Wednesdays.

YOUTH GROUP/FAMILY DAY AT THE T-RATTLER GAME

- Tuesday, August 22. Picnic Time starts at 5:30 until game time. Game Time is 7:05 p.m. Cost: \$21.50. Please sign up by Monday, August 7. Payment is due at time of game. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or you may call/text Susan (920-858-0417).

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN – You are invited to Alleluia, Wrightstown on Saturday, August 19 for a presentation by Shel Delisle, "Keeping God's Intent in an Increasingly Godless World." For more information, see the bulletin board.

CAMP LUWISOMO FAMILY WEEKEND – Save the date: August 11-13. Join us for a weekend of family, food, fellowship fun and festivities! Family Weekend is an annual event to celebrate camp and what God is doing and has done at LuWiSoMo. This year we will be celebrating once again with the chicken BBQ, ping pong drop, cook out, and incredible fireworks. We will also have live entertainment from Citizen Way, Peder Eide, and Bob Lenz! Visit <http://www.luwisomo.org/family-weekend> for more information or to register.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is foundation for our own generosity: imitating the outsized generosity of Jesus.

DISTRICT MISSION PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Please pray for the Karenni ministry among the Burmese refugees who have settled in the Milwaukee area and who meet on Sunday afternoons for worship, ESL, Sunday school and Adult instruction at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. More than 30 students are attending Trinity-Freistadt's elementary school, and a growing number of high school students attend Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Boldly ask God to graciously open their hearts to the Gospel and raise up spiritual leaders from their own midst.