

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷Say 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. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As 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. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let 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. ⁴Who 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.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The 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. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why 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; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When 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. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Forgive your brother from your heart

Matthew 18:35



About the Cover: Jesus died and rose again to forgive all your sins, no matter how many or what kind. Jesus gave His very body and blood for your salvation. He asks no questions. He wants you to believe that He loves you from His heart. Therefore, we, too, are to forgive those who sin against us without question, from our heart. No questions asked, only forgiveness given.

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13 & 17, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: 611, "Lord, Forgive Us for Not Sharing" (Tune: 848), 805, 617, 629, 816

Sermon: "Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom?" Matthew 18:21-35

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

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| Attendance 9/06 (Wed.): 40 | Offering: \$1,370.00 |
| Attendance 9/10 (Sun.): 95 | Offering: \$1,773.25 |
| Budget Needs: \$3,330.00 | Script Profit 9/10: \$78.50 |

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

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| SUN (9/17) | 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group 6:45 p.m. – Youth Group Planning Mtg. |
| MON (9/18) | October Newsletter Items Due |
| TUES (9/19) | 9:45 a.m. - Circuit Pastors' Conf., Brillion |
| WEDS (9/20) | 3:30-4:30 - Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. - Worship <i>Food For The Poor</i> |
| FRI | 10:30 a.m. – Adult Information Class |
| SUN (9/24) | 8:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Class 9:00 a.m. - Worship <i>Food For The Poor</i> |

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Wally & Faith Sonnabend in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Wally & Faith Sonnabend in honor of their anniversary.

FOOD FOR THE POOR SUNDAY – Rev. Dr. R. John Buuck, will speak at our services next week about Food for the Poor which provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. A door offering will be received to support this mission.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: Be sure to drop off your school address as well as your school email at the church office or email the information to sblcbrillion@gmail.com as soon as you have them. *Thank you.*

PRODUCE TABLE – If you have any extra garden produce during the fall months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Romans 14:7 "For none of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK – FALL WORK WEEKEND – OCTOBER 20-22: Work weekends are some of the most important weekends of the year for LuWiSoMo. Many volunteers are needed to help with a wide variety of projects to help prepare LuWiSoMo for winter. We were blessed to have an extremely busy campground again, which means we are in desperate need of volunteers to help cut, split, and stack firewood. Youth groups are highly encouraged to join us, as they are a GREAT help in moving and stacking wood. Volunteers are welcome to come for the day or the weekend. Free lodging and meals are provided for all volunteers. Visit www.luwisomo.org/work-weekends or call (920) 622-3350 for more information or to register. Registration for the weekend closes 10/6/17.