

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6-9

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.”

Epistle

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ...

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

He sent them into his vineyard

Matthew 20:2



About the Cover: Jesus sends workers “into His vineyard” to gather the harvest. His interest is in harvesting all that is there. He asks no questions and has no qualifications in order to work. One needs only to be willing to be sent. Jesus sends us out “into His vineyard.” We are the workers given the task of bringing in the harvest that comes from the sowing of His Word.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20 & 24, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 782, 852, 805, 781
Sermon: "Food for the Poor" Matthew 25:31-40

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 9/13 (Wed.): 32	Comm.: 32	Offering: \$532.00
Attendance 9/17 (Sun.): 87	Comm.: 65	Offering: \$1,886.00
S.S. - 18	Staff - 8	B.C. - 12
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 9/17: \$42.75	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (9/27) 3:30-4:30 - Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. - **Worship w/Comm.**
LWML Sunday
8:00 p.m. - Church Council
FRI (9/29) 10:30 a.m. - Adult Information Class
SUN (10/1) 8:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Class
9:00 a.m. - **Worship w/Comm.**
LWML Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Bud & Elaine Zeamer upon their 60th wedding anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Jay & Amy Krahn in honor of their anniversary.

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

NEW CHURCH SECRETARY - Lois (Bladow) Stache has been hired as our new church secretary. She will officially begin her duties on October 2.

FOOD FOR THE POOR SUNDAY - Thank you to Rev. Dr. R. John Buuck for being with us today and sharing with us the work of 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.

CHILI COOK-OFF FOR HURRICANE HARVEY, TODAY at St. Martin, Chilton serving noon-2 PM. Judging will be at 12:30 PM. If you would like to enter your chili in the contest, sign-up in the social hall. Chili, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages will be available for a freewill offering. All funds raised will go to the Hurricane Harvey Relief effort to help victims of this devastating storm through the LCMS World Relief and Human Care Disaster Response Team. **See the bulletin board for more information on items that may be dropped off to be sent to those in need.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 20:9 "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." Behold the generosity of God! He gives out His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God - and surely one of the foundations of God's being in His generosity.