

## Old Testament *Isaiah 61:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>5</sup>Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; <sup>6</sup>but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. <sup>7</sup>Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their

lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

## Epistle *Galatians 5:1, 13–14*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ...

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

## Holy Gospel *John 8:31–36*

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

# Do not fear,



# only believe

Mark 5:36



**About the Cover:** We often find ourselves fearful about something in life. It would appear as though we awaken to a new fear every day. When facing a fear, we wonder how to cope with it and finally solve it. Jesus reminds us, "Do not fear, only believe." It is by faith in Jesus that we live each and every day of our lives on earth. With Jesus, we no longer live in fear, but in faith!

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27 & July 1 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Sermon: "He Leads Me!"  
Psalm 23:2-3

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 6/20 (Wed.): 46	Offering: \$1,580.00
Attendance 6/24 (Sun.): 51	Offering: \$1,771.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit 6/24: \$62.75

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (7/8) 9:00 a.m. – Worship  
SUN (7/8) 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Karen Loose who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery.

## **NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4**

**PASTOR ON VACATION** – July 2-9 – If an emergency should arise, contact Pastor Niles (853-3656) or one of the elders.

**CHURCH PAINTING** – If you love to paint then the trustees have a job for you! They are looking for someone to paint the fellowship hall, if you, your family and/or friends are interested in volunteering to paint, please let Tony Wittmann know.

**BRAT FRY** – Hungry for a brat or burger and would like to support missions? There will be a brat fry at St Vincent DePaul on Friday July 6th (this is also the stores 50% off store wide sale) to continue to support Nicole Wittmann's world race mission trip. Serving from 10 to about 2.

**EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE** – We are looking for a couple people to put together an emergency action plan in case of inclement weather, fire, and security. If you are interested in helping out with this, contact Rick Riemer (920-841-7365) or Bob Behnke (756-3035).

**PRODUCE TABLE** – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer 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.

**JOYFUL GIVING** - Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with your other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep us with your intended offerings. Contact the church office to complete a form.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**2 Corinthians 8:3** "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will." St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

