

## Old Testament

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup> And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup> And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup> I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup> and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup> So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

<sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## Holy Gospel

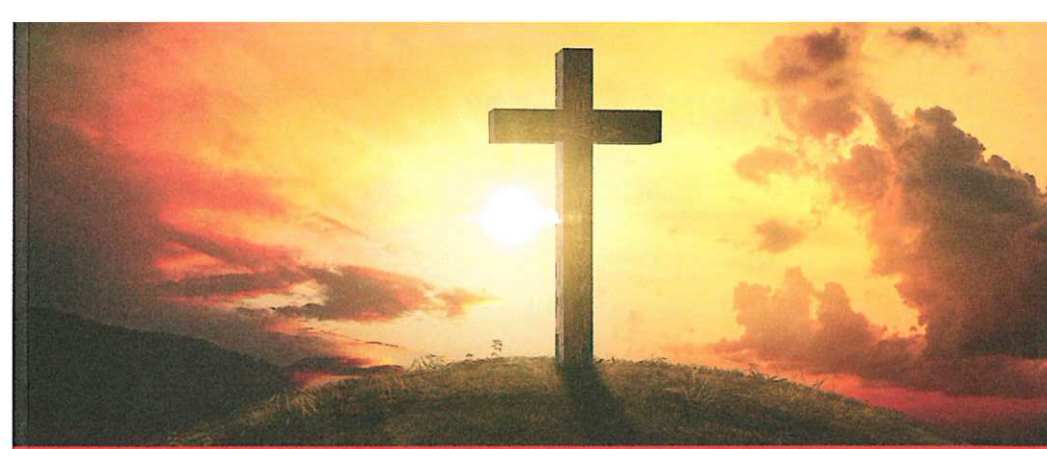
*Mark 6:1–13*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup> And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



**About the Cover:** Regardless of what we want to think, we are not the center of the universe. Paul writes that the very center of the universe is Christ Jesus. We, as sinful humans, have nothing of which to boast. It is in and through Christ’s forgiveness that we have our identity and our purpose in life. His grace is therefore sufficient for us just as it was for Paul.



My Grace  
is sufficient for you,  
for My power  
is made perfect  
in weakness

2 Corinthians 12:9



# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 497, 718, 805, 770  
Sermon: "Bragging Rights"  
2 Corinthians 12:9

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

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| Attendance 6/27 (Wed.): 44 | Comm.: 39 | Offering: \$613.00        |
| Attendance 7/1 (Sun.): 63  | Comm.: 54 | Offering: \$2,629.00      |
| Budget Needs: \$3,397.00   |           | Scrip Profit 7/1: \$69.00 |

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (7/8) 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H  
WED (7/11) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
THUR (7/12) 4:30 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal  
SAT (7/13) 12:00 p.m. – Nenahlo/Klepps Wedding  
SUN (7/15) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Todd Nenahlo & Krystal Klepps who will be united in marriage on Friday (7/13).

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Fleischmann for being with us and sharing God's Word with us.

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

**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).

**SCRIP NEWS** – Culver's gift cards are now available. The cards are \$25.

**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 12:10** *"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities."* Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father Who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing; but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

**DISTRICT MISSIONS** – Pray for the **SOS ministry** this week as they partner with congregations all month, offering VBS programs for the children in the city of Milwaukee. Ask for divine guidance, patience and energy for the staff and volunteers as they work to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the instruction and welfare of the children.