

Old Testament *Isaiah 55:10–13*

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle *Romans 8:12–17*

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

¹That same day Jesus went out of the

house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.

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¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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Pentecost

About the Cover: As the crowds pressed in and hung on the words of the Lord, He turned a boat and a shore into an auditorium. Like the sower in His parable who freely spread the seed in all kinds of soil, Jesus taught them all many things. He continues to freely spread the Gospel seed to us today, for we so desperately need His Word for life and for growth.

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8 & 12, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 868, 584, 577, 921
Sermon: "Spiritual Agriculture"
Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/1 (Wed.): 31	Comm.: 29	Offering: \$675.00
Attendance 7/5 (Sun): 30	Comm.: 29	Offering: \$2,478.03
Budget Needs: \$3,484.00		Scrip Profit: 7/5: \$63.50

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/15) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
SUN (7/19) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Casey Kalies who is recovering from surgery; Tony Wittmann who is recovering from prostate surgery (7/9/20).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Andrea & Aric Grenzer in honor of their anniversary.

WEARING OF MASKS – Those who attend worship in person are encouraged to wear a face mask as the number of COVID-19 cases sees an increase.

SCRIP is available for purchase after most worship services, in the church office during the week, or by pre-ordering by calling Renee Bonick (920-296-9164).

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.

CLASSROOM AIDE Trinity Lutheran School, Hilbert WI is looking to hire an aide to help in the 4K/5K classroom four mornings per week, Monday-Thursday, from 7:30-11:15 during the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who is, please contact Board of Education chairman, Craig Schroeder at 920-213-0250.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Luke 5:5 – "And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' " All our toil, all our work, all our efforts mean nothing without the Lord's guidance. But if we walk in the Word of Jesus, well, look what happened to Simon Peter. The Lord gives grace, and He promises to bless our efforts and bring blessings out of them that we never expected.

FAITH

*is not believing that God can
it is knowing that He will.*