

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:3–9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those

who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

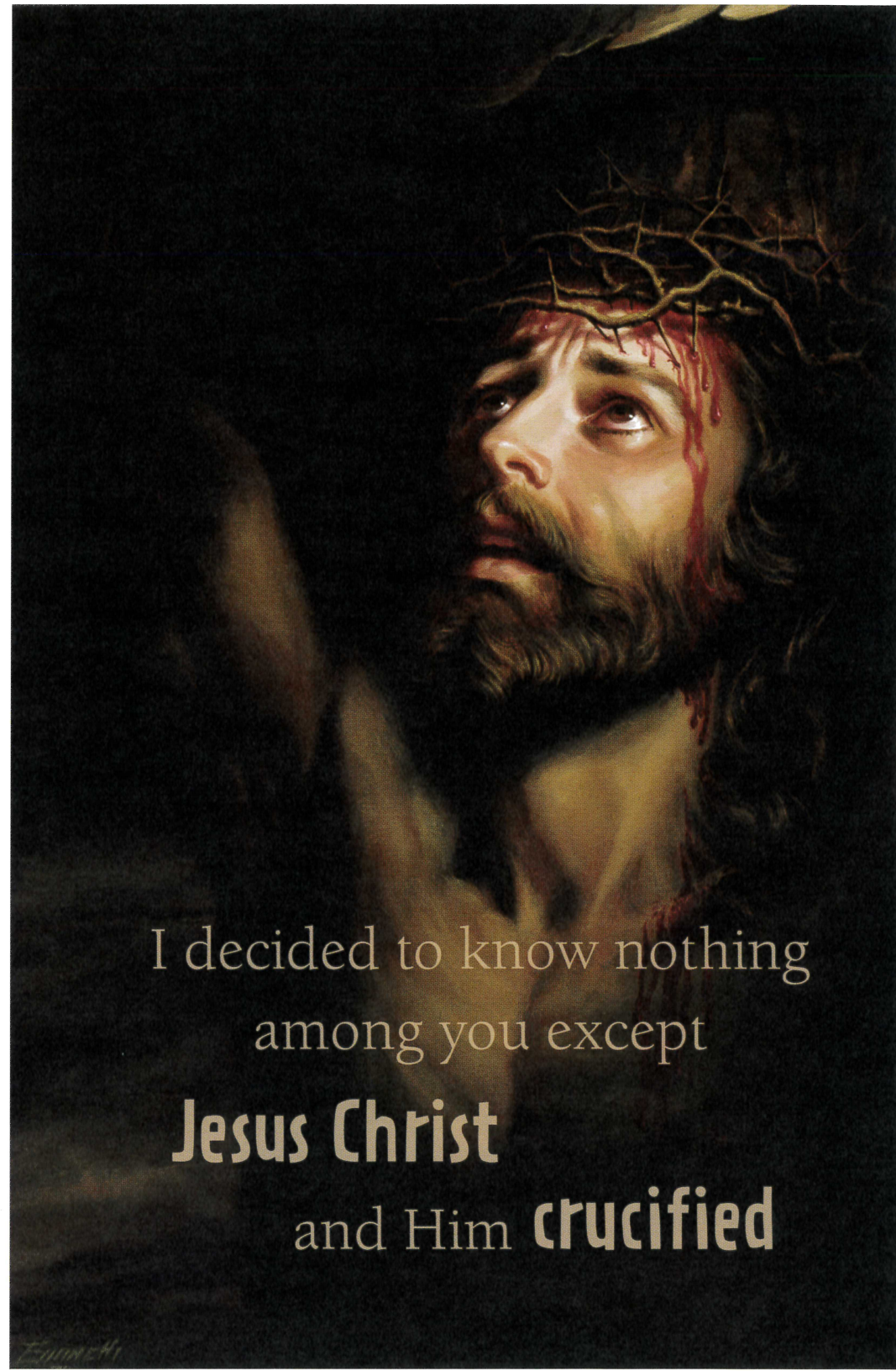
¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”



About the Cover: The apostle Paul had a singular focus upon Christ crucified because nothing else mattered in comparison. In this First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul’s weakness in bringing this word to the Church in Corinth only cast greater light on the power of God for salvation. The heights of human eloquence, wisdom, and power pale in comparison to the cross of Christ, for this is the power of salvation for all who believe.



I decided to know nothing
among you except
Jesus Christ
and Him **crucified**

5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1 & 5, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 904, 578, 563, 698, 782

***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

Attendance 1/25	(Wed): 30	Comm.: 28	Offering: \$849.00
Attendance 1/29	(Sun): 89	Comm.: 56	Offering: \$2,303.69
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21			Scrip Profit 1/29: \$7.50
S.S. – 6		Staff – 3	B.C. – 10

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (2/8) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**
7:45 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism

THUR (2/9) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid

SUN (2/12) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
Stewardship Cookie/Bake Sale

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Damian Wetzell, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

BAPTISM – Being received into God's family by the waters of Baptism is Dante Gifford, son of Domminic & Nicole Gifford. Dante's sponsors are Richard & Sue Hammond. Welcome to God's family!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER on February 26. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 22nd.

LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 25 for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 26 for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

MITE BOX – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Mites go towards many different grants to help those in need. There is a list of them by the mite box.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Brandmahl so a class can be set up.

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 of 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 is His generosity.