

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

<sup>10</sup>“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, <sup>11</sup>so 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. <sup>12</sup>“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. <sup>13</sup>Instead 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*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For 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!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and 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*

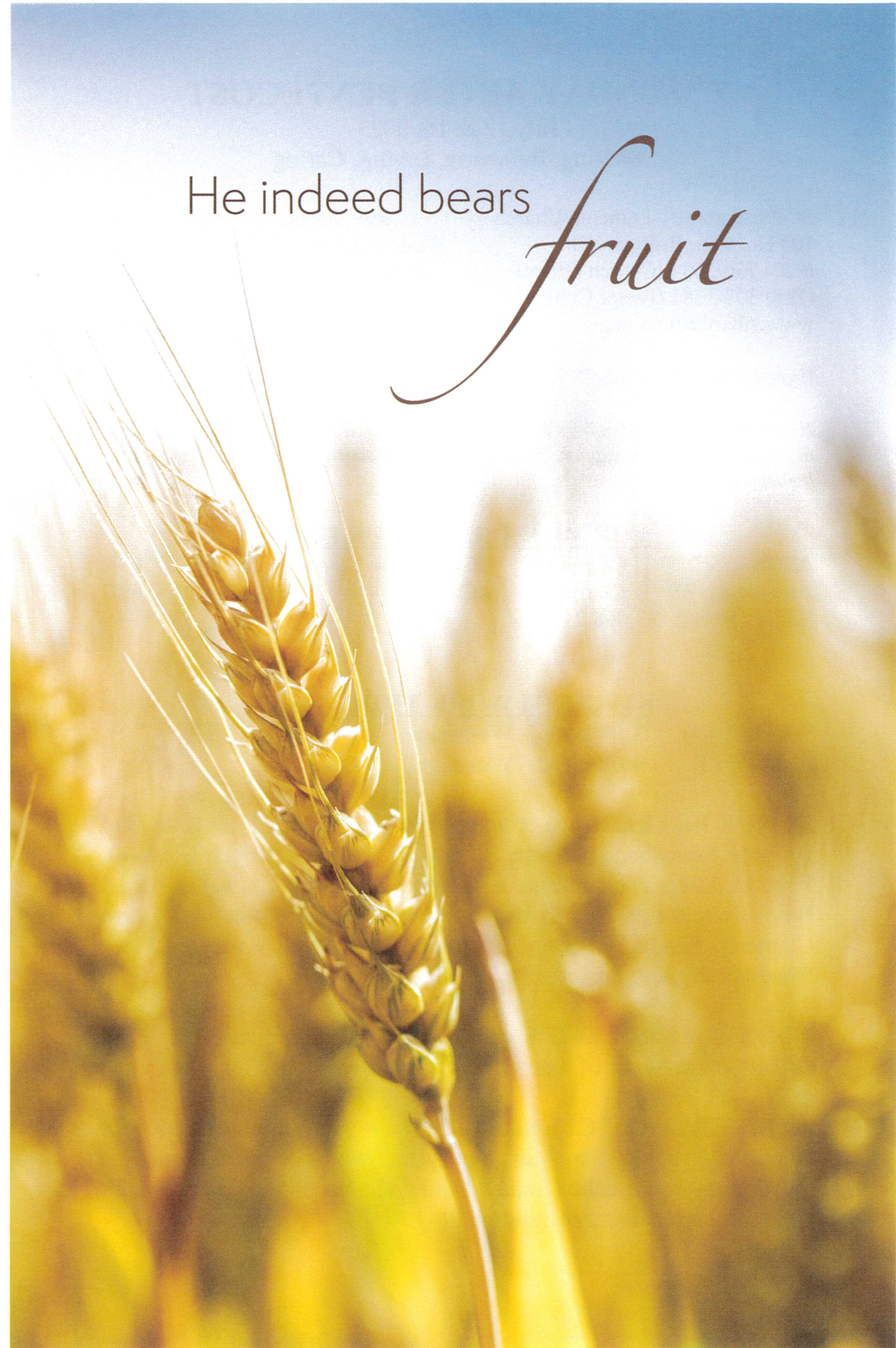
<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a

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

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When 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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet 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. <sup>22</sup>As 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. <sup>23</sup>As 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.”

He indeed bears

*fruit*



**About the Cover:** The sower sows the seed extravagantly upon the path, rocky soil, and thorns. Though the seed does not reach maturity and bear fruit, the seed that falls upon the good ground bears fruit abundantly. Jesus graciously spreads His Word to all people. Wherever it takes root in hearts ready to receive it, it produces fruit abundantly in faith. It is His work all the way through as He joins people to His cross and resurrection.



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12 & 16, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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***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 7/5	(Wed): 41	Comm.: 34	Offering: \$750.00
Attendance 7/9	(Sun): 60	Comm.: 54	Offering: \$1,810.07
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21			

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/19) 7:00 p.m. – Worship  
SUN (7/23) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Alvin Bladow (brother of Roger Bladow), Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Terry Brandenburg and Earl Stache.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Steve & Beth Gilbertson in honor of their anniversary.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** – In honor of Pastor Brandmahl being here for one year, we will have cupcakes (Wednesday) and cake (Sunday) after church on July 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Pastor Brandmahl!

**JULY CALENDARS** are available in the racks by the newsletters.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** – Mid-year contribution statements are in your mailbox. Due to technology issues, we were unable to send them via email.

**POWER POINT ASSISTANTS** are needed. If you'd like to help with the PowerPoint during the worship, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**GRASS CUTTERS** – we are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

**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.

**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.

**GRADUATION CARDS** are available in the card room.

**STUFF THE BUS** – The Kids from Wisconsin have partnered with local food banks for a "Stuff the Bus" food drive during their tour. Donation of non-perishable items can be dropped off at Tadych's MarketPlace Foods through July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Matthew 5:24** – "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Our giving to the Lord's work is part of our Christian life. The Lord wants us to walk in His ways in all we do. He wants our hearts united to His. It's not our gift the Lord wants — it is our very selves, in all we think, say and do.