Old Testament Isaiah 56:1. 6-8 ¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . 6"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— 7these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." 8The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those

Epistle Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

already gathered."

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of

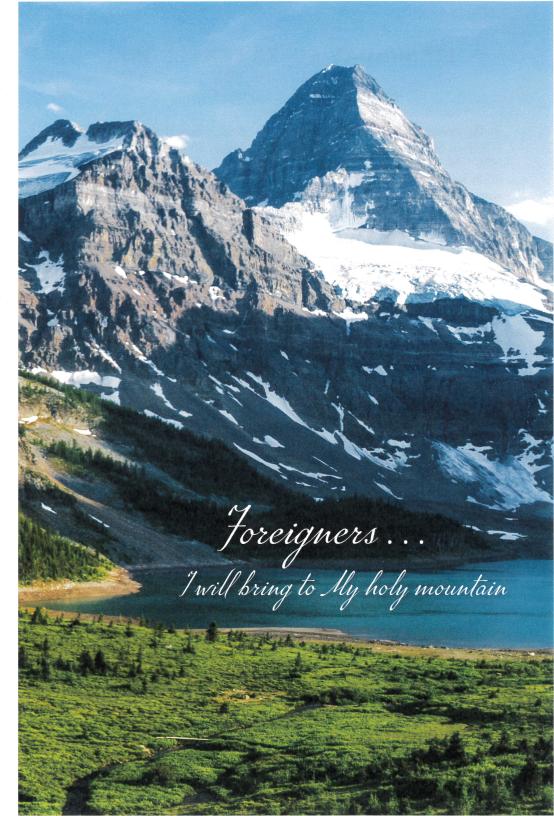
their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Holy Gospel Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



About the Cover: Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, God proclaimed that He would bring people from all nations to His holy mountain, Zion. God's grace and mercy makes strangers into citizens. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). Now, for all who are in Christ, there are only citizens of His heavenly kingdom.



12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16 & 20, 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 8/9 (Wed): 21 Comm.: 20 Offering: \$200.06 Attendance 8/13 (Sun): 56 Comm.: 47 Offering: \$1,460.28

Budget Needs: \$3,098.21

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (8/23) 7:00 p.m. – Worship

7:45 p.m. – Council

SUN (8/27) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

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

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno.

COUNCIL MEETING – There will be a council meeting on Wednesday August 23rd at 7:45 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on Sunday September 17th.

BRUNCH & BABY SHOWER – Sunday September 24th at 10:15 a.m. St. Bart's is having a Brunch and a Baby Shower for Pastor and Ashley Brandmahl. There is no cost for the meal, but please bring a gift for Baby Boy Brandmahl. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. A wish list from Pastor and Ashley will be on the bulletin board soon.

MEAL TRAIN – There is a meal train site set up for Lori & John Krueger for anyone who would like to help out with meals for them. You can use the link listed to get to the site to sign up for meals. https://mealtrain.com/r5nnmw

COLLEGE ADDRESSES – It's that time of year again. College students and parents of college students please share your or your son's/daughter's college contact information (address, phone #, email address) with the church office as soon as you have it. *Thank you!*

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS – The food pantry is in need of donations. They can use any type of non-perishable food items. Please check expiration dates because the pantry cannot except expired items. The box is located on the floor next to the produce table in the coat room. *Thank you!*

AUGUST CALENDARS are available in the racks by the newsletters.

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.