

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Thus he comforted them

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About the Cover: The brothers who took Joseph, threw him into a pit, and sold him into slavery were now in his hands. However, Joseph embraced his brothers with tears of joy and forgiveness. Even when their fears were renewed after the death of their father, Joseph comforted them. Though our sin drove the nails into Jesus' hands on the cross, God meant it for good as Jesus died to bring forgiveness and life for us. Thus, Jesus brings us true and lasting comfort as He welcomes us with His nail-pierced hands.



Pentecost

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13 & 17, 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 9/6	(Wed): 27	Comm.: 23	Offering: \$315.00
Attendance 9/10	(Sun): 47	Comm.: 40	Offering: \$1,253.14
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21			Scrip Profit 9/10: \$38.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (9/18) October Newsletter Items Due
MON – TUE Pastor gone to Rural Ministry Conf., Manitowoc
WED (9/20) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
THUR (9/21) 7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
SUN (9/24) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – **Worship**
No Bible Class
10:15 a.m. – Brunch & Baby Shower

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte 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.

CHURCH TEXTING – Currently the church office is unable to receive or send text messages. If you need to contact the office, please call or email.

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 is on the bulletin board also.

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>

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.

THE PRODUCE TABLE is still out if you have any extra fall produce you would like to share with members of the congregation. Items can be left on or taken from the table in the coat room anytime during the week.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 6:25 – “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.” Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.