

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Epistle

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the

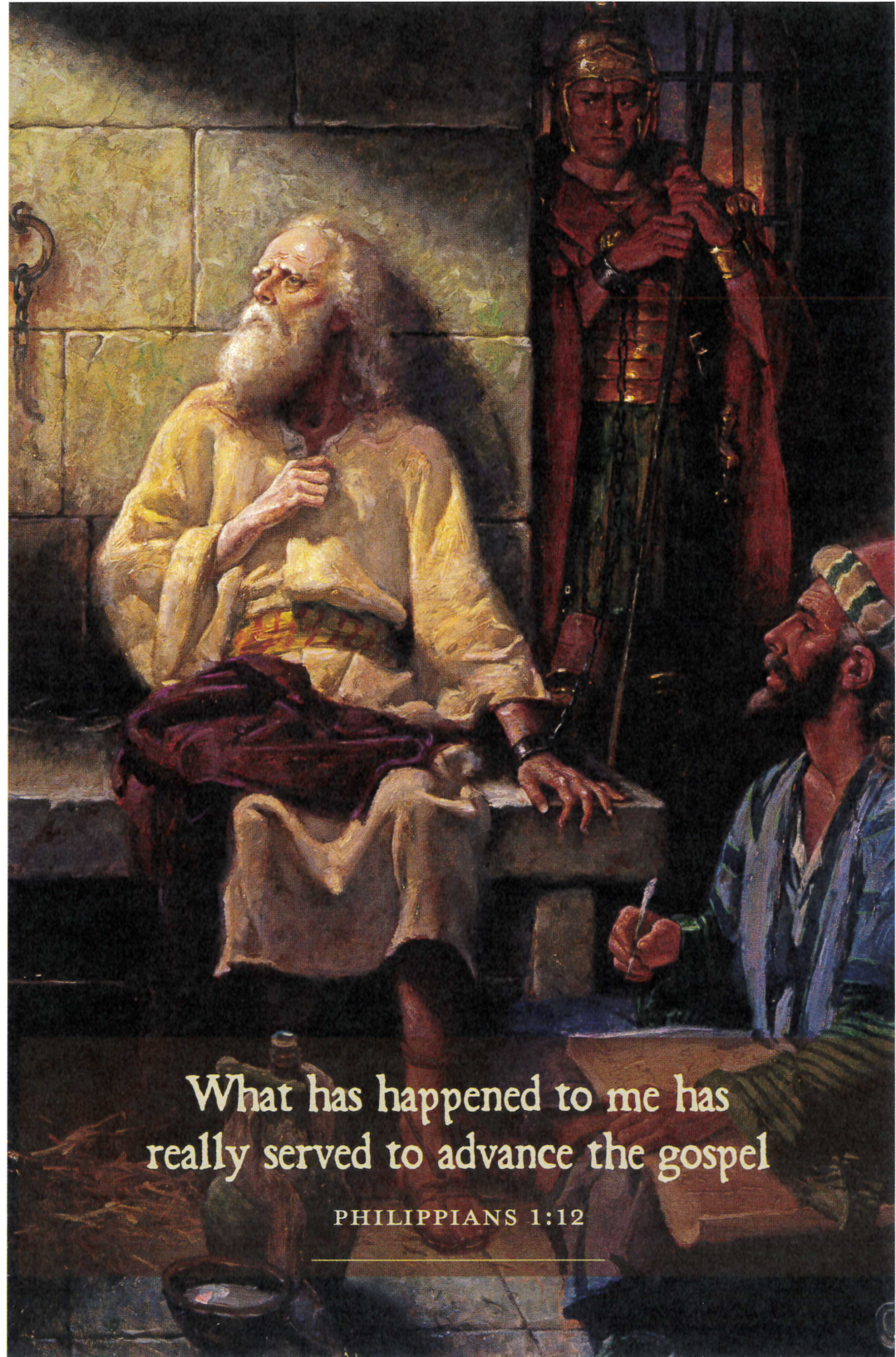
gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

About the Cover: By all appearances, the situation looked dark for Paul, but the light of the Lord's Gospel still shines into the dark confines of prison. The Gospel cannot be bound (see 2 Timothy 2:9). Furthermore, Paul's suffering was a means by which God was spreading the word that Jesus has conquered sin, death, and the devil for the sake of all people. The darkness of this world cannot overcome the Word (see John 1:5).



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PHILIPPIANS 1:12

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20 & 24, 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 9/13 (Wed): 33	Comm.: 31	Offering: \$486.08
Attendance 9/17 (Sun): 65	Comm.: 50	Offering: \$1,464.07
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21	Scrip Profit 9/17: \$43.18	
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KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (9/24) 10:15 a.m. – Brunch and Baby Shower
WED (9/27) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Worship
7:45 p.m. – Council
SUN (10/1) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Jay & Amy Krahn in honor of their anniversary.

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.

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.

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.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT – Trinity Rantoul will be having their 3rd annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sat. Oct. 21st from 4 – 6 pm in the school parking lot. All are welcome. Food, games, prizes, balloon twisting and face painting. See bulletin board for more details.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Ephesians 3:14–15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.