

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your

sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

About the Cover: Cyrus, king of Persia, entered through the gates of Babylon as the Lord’s anointed to set God’s people free from their tyranny. Despite all his worldly power, Cyrus did not know the Lord. The Lord still used him as an instrument for the sake of His purposes. How much more powerful it is that Jesus, the true Messiah and Son of God, has defeated Satan’s strongholds to save us from our captivity to sin through His cross. Christ, the Anointed One, has set the prisoners free!



21th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18 & 22, 2023

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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 10/4 (Wed.): 22	Comm.: 20	Offering: \$510.00
Attendance 10/8 (Sun.): 58	Comm.: 40	Offering: \$1,280.06
Attendance 10/11 (Wed): 32	Comm.: 31	Offering: \$396.03
Attendance 10/15 (Sun): 55	Comm.: 48	Offering: \$1,515.07
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 10/8: \$15.63
		Scrip Profit 10/15: \$31.63
(10/8): S.S. – 6	Staff – 4	B.C. – 8
(10/15): S.S. – 2	Staff – 3	B.C. – 7

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

TUES (10/24) 6:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
WED (10/25) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship
7:45 p.m. – Council
SUN (10/29) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
No Bible Class
10:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS 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.

THANK YOU to Rev. Don Krause (Sunday) for sharing the message of God's Word with us and leading us in worship.

VOTERS MEETING will be held on October 29th at 10:00 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICES – At the voters meeting we will be electing new officers. The positions available are: Stewardship Evangelism (1); Elder (2); Trustee (1). Please prayerfully consider one of these positions. If interested please contact Gary Koerth or Rick Riemer.

THE GRILL IS OUT – Stewardship will be having a cookout on Saturday November 4th from 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m.

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH – October is clergy appreciation month. There are cards available in the card room for this occasion.

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

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

Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places “where moth and rust destroy” (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about how we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?