

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (ESV)

⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

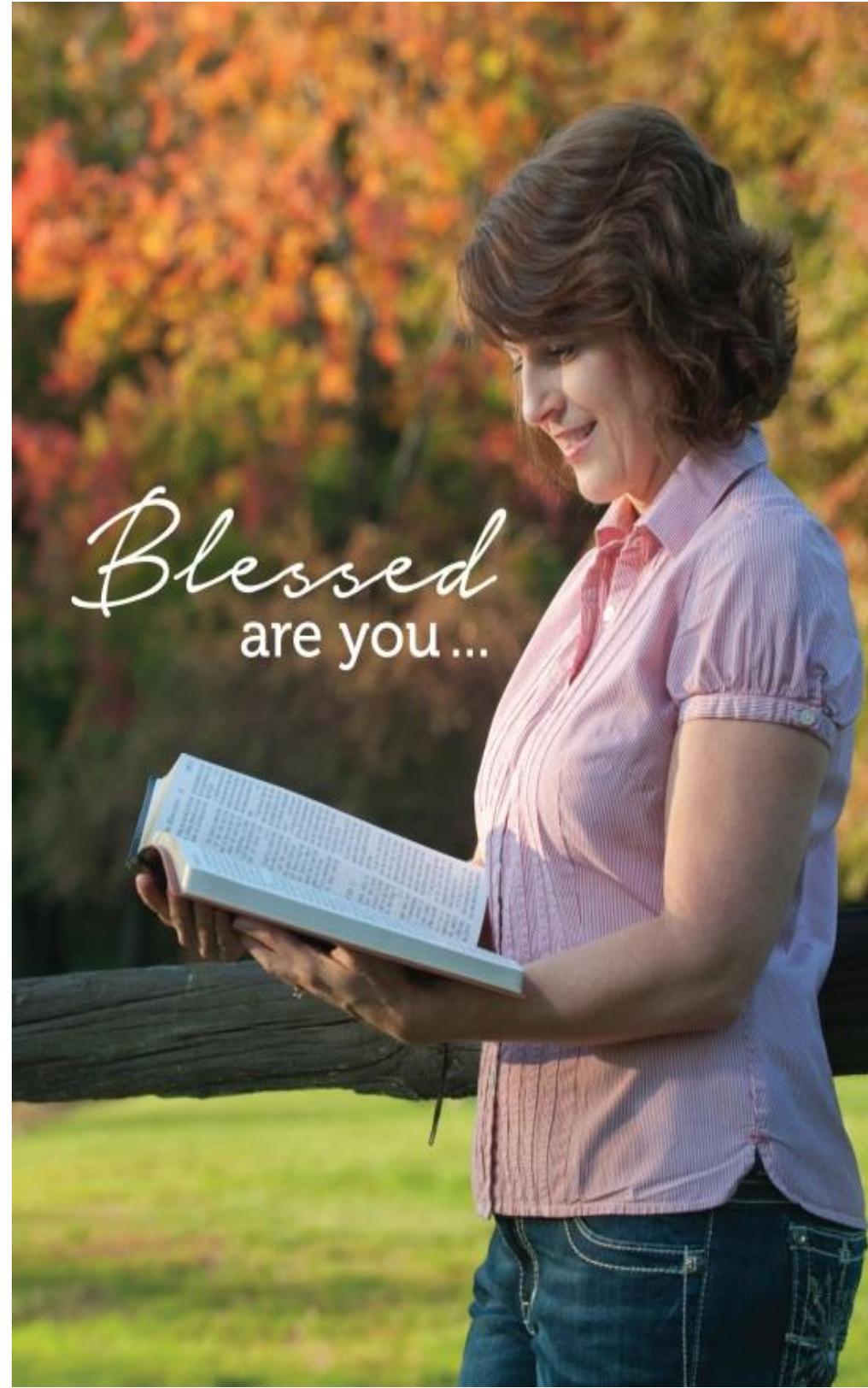
1 Corinthians 15:1-20 (ESV)

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been

raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Luke 6:17-26 (ESV)

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



Blessed
are you ...

February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection. "Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21–23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

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CHOIR ANTHEM "The Everlasting Arms"	Chopin
SERMON HYMN "I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"	LSB 729
SERMON "A Life of Blessing or Cursed"	Jeremiah 17; 1 Corinthians; Luke 6
CHOIR ANTHEM "A New Commandment"	
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Jesus Comes Today With Healing"	LSB 620
"Blest Are They"	LSB 982
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"	LSB 673
"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"	LSB 632
CLOSING HYMN "In Thee is Gladness"	LSB 818

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Dick Bluemer & Larry Feusse
A/V	Mark Richardson
Ushers	Dave Hutfilz, Dave Little, Dick Bluemer
Greeters	Fred & Irene Kruth
Altar Guild	Chris Farrar & Arlene Rohn

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 71 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,504 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$12,138 = Loose Plate \$16, Envelopes \$11,882, Mission \$95, Maintenance \$145; Cap Prj. \$5; \$25 in memory of June Kreger

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~ Feb 22-Wm J. Beyersdorf; Feb 23- Larry Klemish; Feb 25- Harvey Neuenfeldt; Feb 27—Annette Berger, Paul Bohn, Jim Bohn; Feb 28- Darlene Keel, Chase Worley.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16:24

Flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary (April 16) of Jerry & Chris Farrar.

Winter Fun Social ~ Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wheeler, invites you to their second Winter Fun Social on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 2-5 pm at the church. Come enjoy getting to know your neighbors and community members and enjoy an afternoon of visiting, board games, and cards. Coffee, tea and munchies will be available. Help each other make the dreary days of winter fly by and have fun doing so!

Thank You ~ A huge thank you to Dave Hutfilz and Joel Hutfilz for the superb job of keeping the parking lot and sidewalks clear during our recent winter storms. Your volunteerism is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Makes First Distribution ~ February 8 was an historic day for Orphan Grain Train—Michigan. Through bounty from God's people, the first distribution was made of relief supplies sent to H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural Peoples), an organization which meets basic needs when family lives are interrupted and adversely impacted. The hope and expectation is that this allocation of relief supplies will only be the first of many to follow in the coming years. Orphan Grain Train is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. The Michigan branch has already been receiving donated goods and will soon launch regular operations. Learn more at oqt.org.

VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction! Our Theme is " Fabulous Fifties" Please save the date for Saturday, February 23, 2018, at Apple Mountain Conference Center. Your support has impacted Valley Lutheran with improvements in programs, equipment, transportation, physical school improvements, and most importantly STUDENT AID. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help again - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Click on our auction link www.vlhsauction.com for more information. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 bkaul@vlhs.com or Karrie Gatzka 989-415-6776 Karriekookies@aol.com.