

Isaiah 55:1-5 (ESV)

55 “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Romans 9:1-13 (ESV)

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸ This means

that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

⁹ For this is what the promise said:

“About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹² she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Matthew 14:13-21 (ESV)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



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August 6, 2017

9th Sunday After Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God. By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

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Pastor	Paul Hauser	Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Jack Traub & Paul Bohn	A/V	Mark Richardson
Acolyte	Alyssa Carroll	Greeters	Don & Bernice Beach
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt , Bob Burdick, Bruce Tessin		
Altar Guild	Myrna Pruitt		

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 74 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$3,856 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$3,424 = Loose Plate \$127, Envelopes \$3,022 Mission \$52, Maintenance \$223; Cap Prj. \$25; \$15 in memory of Rose Putnam.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Aug 11- Alivia Heath; Aug 12- Anna Miller, Cora Van Nortwich; Aug 14- Gary Neuenfeldt, Al Rohn; Aug 15- Brenda Klembecki; Aug 16- Marilyn Beyersdorf, Gerald Laurenz, Anna Laurenz; Aug 17- Kaiden Knapik.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:17-18

Thanks You ~ *Thank you to everyone that donated their time at the annual Car/Tractor Show. We thank all those who brought their car, tractor or other piece of history to share. Thank you to all who brought pies for the pie auction and to all who came out to bid. The pies brought in \$636. A big thank you to Zion's quilting group for the two quilts that sold for \$480. Our concessions which was on a donation basis was \$668. The total profit from the show totaled \$1,784. Recipients of this will be determined soon.*

School Supplies Needed ~ The LWR quilters are putting together school bags to be sent overseas. Needed this year is about 200 - 70 page spiral bound notepaper. Donations may be left in the narthex or in the hall way by the quilters room.

Caregiver Needed ~ A Hemlock area woman is looking for a caregiver in her home to assist her with daily needs. For further information contact Sheila at 989-860-3927. If you know anyone who may be interested please pass the information on.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation Event ~ Registration is open until September 1 for the event at the Breslin Center at MSU. Go online at the Michigan District site and follow the links to register. No cost for this event but registration is needed.

Peace Lutheran Hiring Classroom Aides ~ Peace Lutheran School, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township, is looking to hire up to three part-time classroom aides in its Early Childhood Center. Morning and afternoon opportunities are available for up to 20 hours per week. Aides must be hired and trained by August 15. Interested? Email resumes to kpearson@peacesaginaw.org or call Early Childhood Director Kathi Pearson at 792.2581, ext. 207, for more information.