

Isaiah 29:11-19 (ESV)

¹¹ And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹² And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³ And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵ Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶ You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who

loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)

⁷ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." ⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." ⁹ And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹ But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban" (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

*...walk in love,
as Christ also
hath loved us...*



Ephesians 5:2

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

Theme of the Day ~ “Dearly beloved, we are gathered here.” The uttering of these six words immediately calls to mind a wedding ceremony and, with that, the image of marriage. Bride. Groom. Minister. Witnesses. They all assemble for the celebration of a bridegroom and his bride becoming one. God designed the marital union of one man and one woman to parallel the union between Christ Jesus and His Bride, the Church. Dearly beloved, today we are gathered here in the house of the Lord to hear His Word and gather and to celebrate. With the witnesses who surround us, let us learn to treasure Christian marriage as a beautiful gift that reflects Christ’s love for us.

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SERMON “The Mystery of Love and Marriage”	Ephesians 5:22-33
CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”	LSB 922

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Mark Richardson
Elder/Reader	Jack Traub
Greeters	Bud & Millie Parker
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt & Bob Burdick
Altar Guild	Myrna Pruitt

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 84 Needed for *The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,128 ~ Received for *the Lord’s Work* \$3,571 = Loose Plate \$94, Envelopes \$2,044, Mission \$30, Maintenance \$478, \$900 Par. Rent, \$25 in memory of Roger Kreger; Cap Prj. \$5; Memorial Fund \$15 in memory of Kay Rood, \$500 in memory of Mildred Pretzer; Choir Fund \$500 in memory of Mildred Pretzer.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday- Aug 31- Nicole Mayer, Carolyn McKellar; Sep 1- Christine McMahon; Sep 2- Amy Siler; Sep 4- Michelle Klemish, Kahl Mallek; Sep 5- Krista Kade, Adam Siler; Sep 6- Joan Scott.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:3-5.

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering will be taken next Sunday following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”.

Job Opportunity ~ Bethlehem Lutheran School is looking for an Extended Day Teacher for 10-15 hours a week. Hours are 3:00-5:45 pm Monday-Friday depending on student count. Must pass a State of Michigan Background Check. Will work with students grades K-8. If interested please contact Dr. Nicole Frederick at nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org or 989-755-1144 ext 212.

Pig in the Pines ~ Nativity Lutheran Church 625 W. Clinton in St. Charles invites you to their annual Pig Roast on Saturday, September 8th from 1-5 pm. Music, activities, games and dinner. Silent Auction. Donations adults \$7, children \$4 or families \$20. Kids 5 and under are free. Call 989-865-9964 for more information.

Blood Drive ~ St Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N River in Saginaw is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 13 from 1-6p. Register online at https://donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/109947

Bazaar Table Reservations ~ St Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N River, Saginaw, is accepting table reservations (\$25/table) for the Annual Bazaar, Sat, November 3. Call the office (781-3205) for more info.

Financial Peace University ~ Are you living paycheck to paycheck? Want to learn a new way of living? It’s time to stop being normal. Let’s be WEIRD together!! The next Financial Peace University class, at St. Mark Lutheran Church on the corner of River & Miller, starts this fall on September 9th. We will be meeting every Sunday at 6pm until November 4th. Contact Karin Tessin atkarintessin@gmail.com for any questions and/or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1066494>.