

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. **Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.** ⁹**Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?** Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰**Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant?** Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and

Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

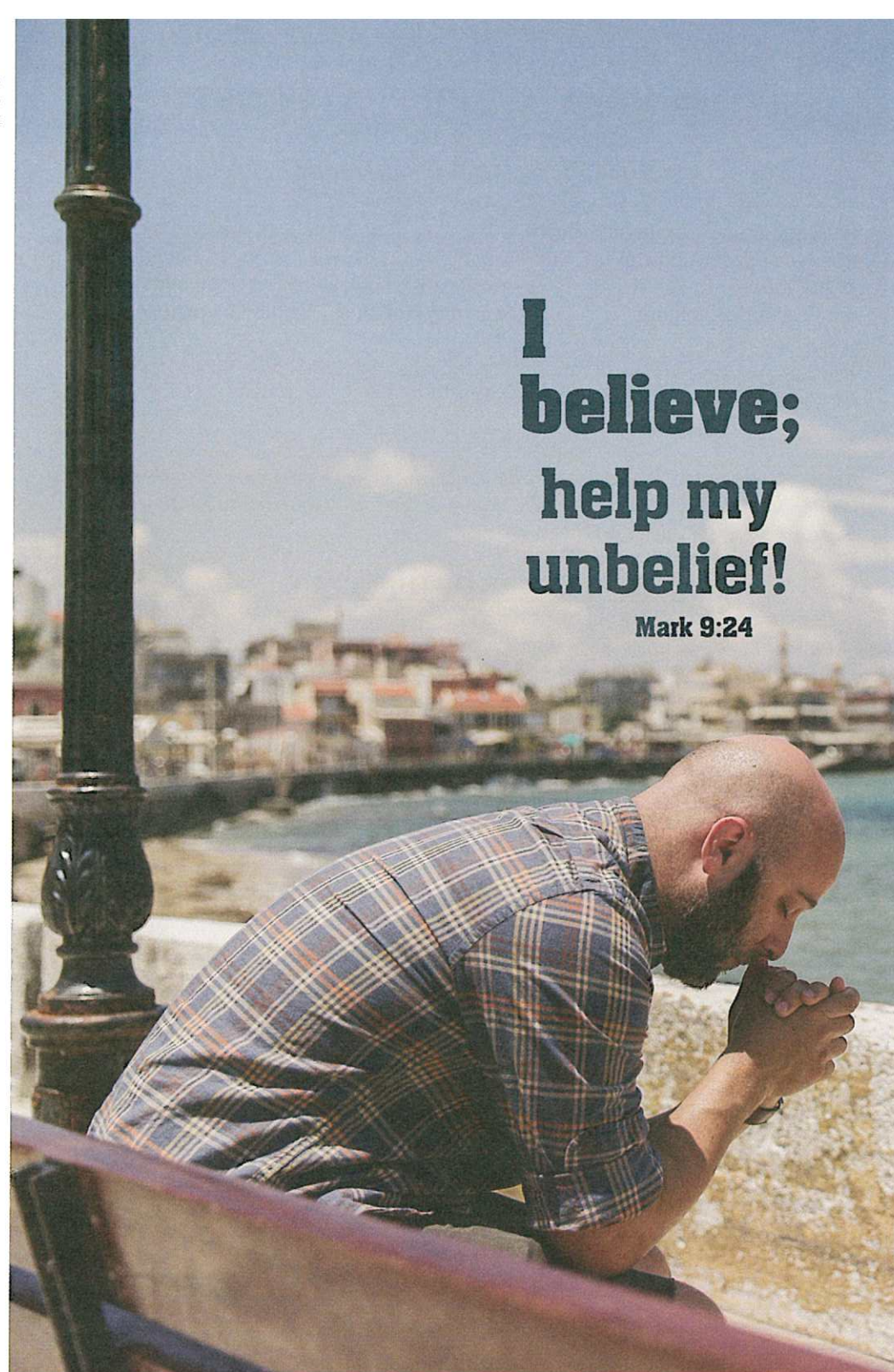
¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

I believe; help my unbelief!

Mark 9:24



About the Cover: As God's people, we seek to lead a God-pleasing and Christ-centered life each and every day. However, we still sin against God. We sin much, and yet we believe in Christ's promise of the forgiveness of our sins. Just like the man in the miracle, we find ourselves praying to God, "I believe; help my unbelief!" We give thanks to God that He never turns His back on us.



17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12 & 16, 2018
Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 770, 819 vs. 1 & 5, 849, "Offering," 805, 563, 554, 825
Sermon: "He Who Vindicates Is Near"
Isaiah 50:4-10

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 9/5 (Wed.): 44	Offering: \$970.00
Attendance 9/9 (Sun.): 85	Offering: \$1,918.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit 9/9: \$31.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (9/17)	October Newsletters Items Due
WED (9/19)	3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. – Worship <i>Concordia Sunday</i>
SUN (9/23)	8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class 9:00 a.m. – Worship <i>Concordia Sunday</i>

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Joan Zutz upon the death of her husband, Hugo.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Wally & Faith Sonnabend in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Wally & Faith Sonnabend in honor of their anniversary.

SHEPHERDS ATTIC – We are in need of volunteer workers especially cashiers. If interested, call 920-849-9250 and ask for Carl.

CIRCUIT FORUM REP. – We are looking for a voting member of the congregation to be our lay representative at the Circuit Forum to be held here on Sunday, October 7 at 1 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the circuit pastoral and lay delegates and alternates to the Synod convention to be held in July 2019. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger.

SYNOD CONVENTION LAY DELEGATE – Are you interested in being a lay delegate to the Synod convention, July 20-25, 2019, in Tampa, Florida? If so, contact Pastor Krueger by October 5.

TIMELY TOPICS, TIMELESS TRUTHS – Have you ever felt unprepared to talk about today's hot-button issues from a Christian perspective? Do you wish you could be better equipped to defend why you believe what you do when your faith is challenged, and yet do it in a loving way? Our upcoming study, *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths*, will equip you with biblical truths for engaging in challenging issues with your family, friends, and coworkers. We will dig into these interesting topics: Intelligent Design, Global Warming, Gender Identity. We hope to see you there on Sundays @ 8 a.m.!

CAMP LUWISOMO'S TASTE OF ELEGANCE FUNDRAISING DINNER – Enjoy a wonderful evening sharing fellowship with new friends and rekindling friendships with lifelong friends all while enjoying a delicious dinner and raising money for camper scholarships. Dr. Mark H. Schmitz of Concordia University Wisconsin will be our speaker for the evening. Dr. Schmitz will be sharing the importance of outdoor education for children. A separate children's program with dinner will be available during the event. Reservations are required, fee \$15 per child. (School age and above) \$50 per person or \$275 for a table of 6. Tickets include appetizers, a catered dinner, and drinks. **RSVP by 9/28/18.** Visit <http://www.luwisomo.org/taste-of-elegance> for more information or to print a registration form.

"WOOD" YOU LEND A HAND? - FALL WORK WEEKEND - OCTOBER 19-21 – Work weekends are some of the most important weekends of the year for LuWiSoMo. Many volunteers are needed to help with a wide variety of projects for all ages and abilities to help prepare LuWiSoMo for winter. **Youth groups and church groups are highly encouraged to join us, as they are a GREAT help with many projects.** Volunteers are welcome to come for the day or the weekend. Free lodging and meals are provided for all volunteers. Visit www.luwisomo.org/work-weekends for more information, a list of potential projects, or to register.