

## Old Testament

*Jeremiah 11:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

## Epistle

*James 3:13–4:10*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

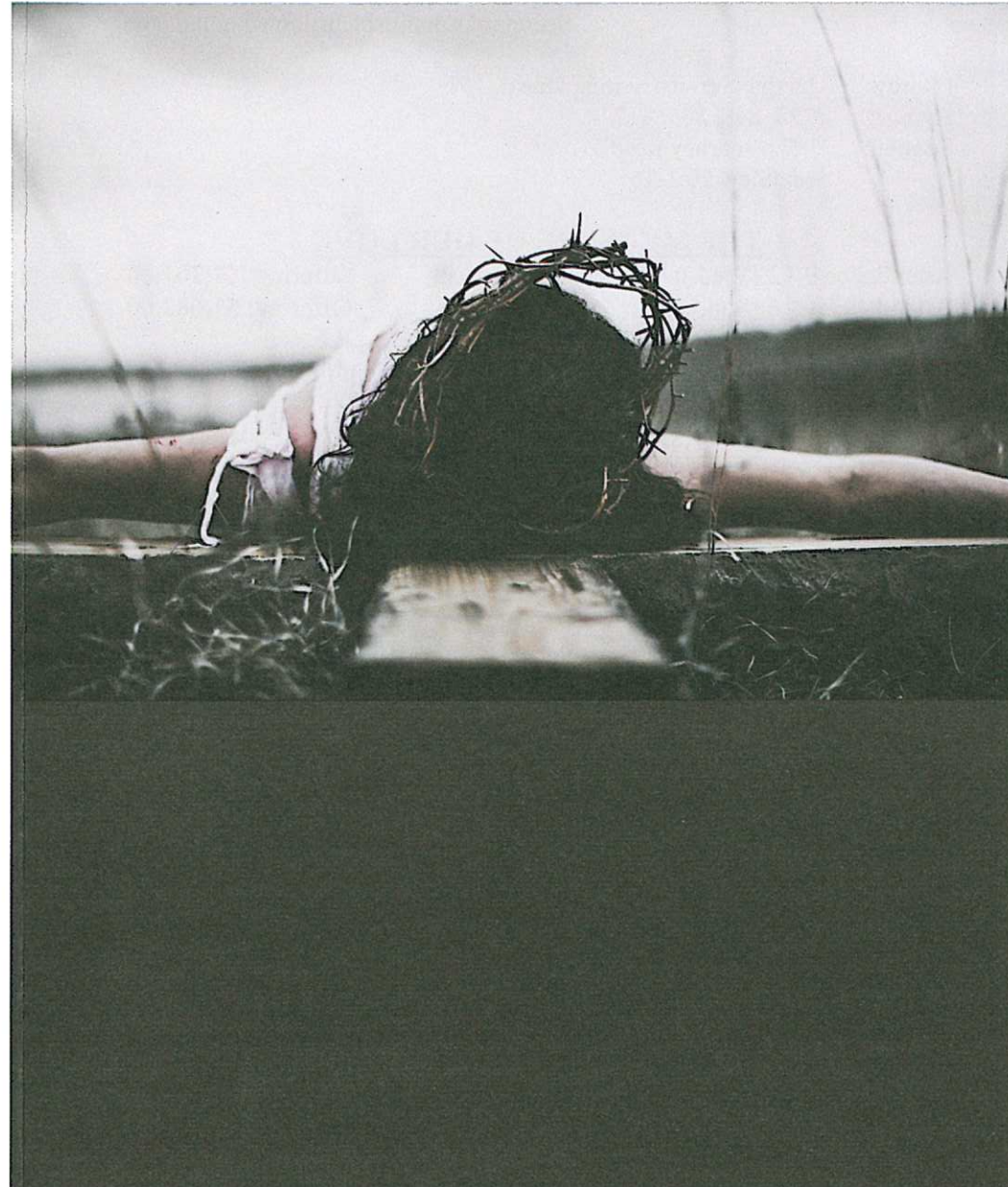
<sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

# THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN



**About the Cover:** We are thankful for God’s Word. In it, Jesus speaks very plainly to His disciples and to us about His life, death, and purpose in this life. He says, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” We believe that Jesus came into the world to be given over to evil men and to be put to death for our salvation. Thanks be to Christ Jesus, our light and our life!

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19 & 23, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
105 Horn St., Brillion, WI  
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Rev. Mark L. Krueger, Pastor  
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 725, 851, 805, 817  
Sermon: "The Journey Itself"  
Matthew 20:1-16

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 9/12 (Wed.): 46	Comm.: 39	Offering: \$1,201.00
Attendance 9/16 (Sun.): 89	Comm.: 63	Offering: \$1,683.00
S.S. – 23	Staff – 9	B.C. - 6
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00		Scrip Profit 9/16: \$62.25

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (9/26) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class  
6:00 p.m. – Choir  
7:00 p.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**  
*LWML Sunday*

SUN (9/30) 8:00 p.m. – Council  
8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class  
9:00 a.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**  
*LWML Sunday*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to God's glory by Dave & Debbie Kalies in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**THANK YOU** to Rev. Dr. Kurt Taylor, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW), for sharing a message from God's Word and a word about CUW.

**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.

**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.

**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? Join us on Sundays @ 8 a.m.!

**FILL THE STABLE** – We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$12,000 and filling our outdoor nativity display with new figurines but we still need your help. Please consider giving a gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, or more. Our target date is October 1.

**COMING SOON: "EMBRACING GREAT COMMISSION STEWARDSHIP"** – Starting on October 3 & 7, we begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled: "Embracing Great Commission Stewardship." The weekly themes are:

- Week One: "Embracing your Calling as a Disciple"
- Week Two: "Embracing a Commitment to God's Word"
- Week Three: "Embracing a Lifestyle of Giving Joyfully and Generously"

Through His Word and the working of the Holy Spirit, God makes us His disciples, and He honors us with the privilege to be His instruments through which He works. Let us all pray that this emphasis energizes and helps equip us to be Jesus' hand, feet, and mouth to people who do not know Him as their Lord and Savior.

**SCRIP SELLERS NEEDED** for Sundays. If interested, please contact Renee Bonick at 920-296-9164 or dnrbonick@gmail.com.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Luke 14:5** "And He said to them, 'Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?'" The time is always right to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law, something less than love, which was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear, but out of thanksgiving.