

Old Testament

Joshua 24:14–28

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.” ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.”

²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. ²⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. ²⁷And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold,

this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” ²⁸So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:1–7

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

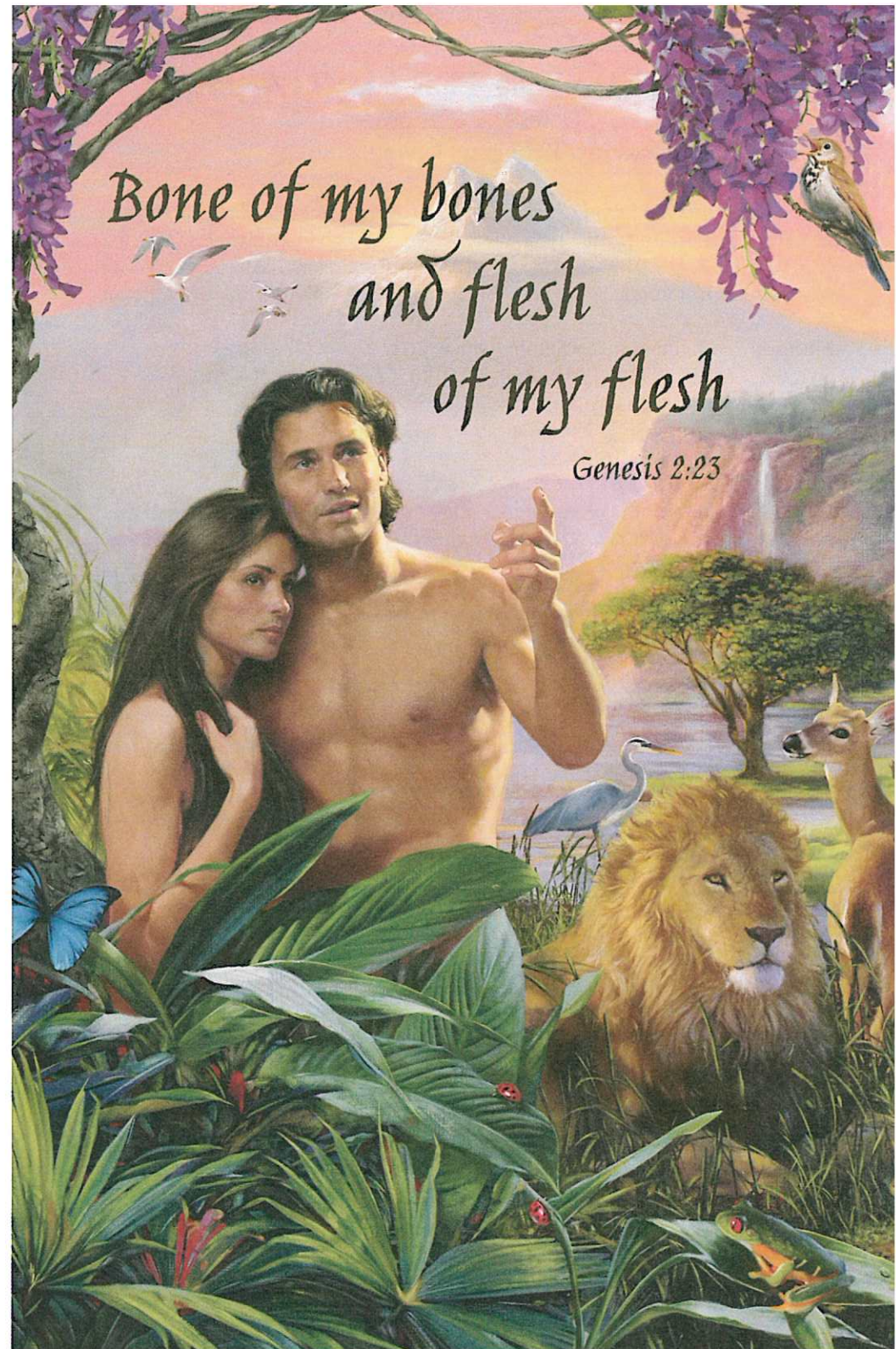
⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:24–28

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

About the Cover: In God’s plan of creation, the Father has thought of everything needed in this life. Recognizing that man should not be alone, God provided him a helpmate. Even if we are not married, we are never alone in this life, for God is always with us. We give thanks to God for His foresight and His concern for our well-being. He is certainly a most loving and caring Father.



20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3 & 7, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 830, 835, 837 vs. 3, 4, & 6, 805, 588, "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" AGPS 237, 829
Sermon: "Embracing Your Calling as a Disciple"
Matthew 16:24-28

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 9/26 (Wed.): 43	Comm.: 39	Offering: \$675.00
Attendance 9/30 (Sun.): 61	Comm.: 51	Offering: \$2,076.00
S.S. - 11	Staff - 8	B.C. - 7

Budget Needs: \$3,397.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (10/3) 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. - Choir
7:00 p.m. - **Worship w/Comm.**

SUN (10/7) 8:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Class
9:00 a.m. - **Worship w/Comm.**
1:00 p.m. - Circuit Forum at St. Bartholomew

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Hank & Lori Horn in honor of their 37th anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Mary Eickert.

LOOKING FOR A DELIVERY PERSON to deliver the boxes of school kits to First English Lutheran Church (6331 N. Ballard Rd.) in Appleton on Saturday, October 13 between 8 & 11 a.m. Contact Pastor Krueger if you are willing.

"EMBRACING GREAT COMMISSION STEWARDSHIP" - Today begins the first week of our three-week stewardship emphasis. The focus this first week is "Embracing Your Calling as a Disciple." A disciple is someone who follows Jesus and learns from Him. Additionally, a disciple is someone who strives, by the Holy Spirit, to become more like Jesus. After our Savior suffered and died on the cross of Calvary, after He arose again from the dead to conquer death, and just before He ascended to heaven, He gave the command to His disciples and therefore to us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Jesus commissions us to join Him in reaching out to people who do not know Him. Jesus desires us to be His hands, feet, and mouth. As His stewards, we are called to commit all that we are and have for His work. As God's children, our mission and work begins as we leave the parking lot of the church.

IDENTITY THEFT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW is a free educational workshop created by Thrivent Financial to help you learn how identity theft can occur, steps you can take to prevent it, and what to do if it happens to you. Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m. To register, sign up at church or contact Brandon Moehn with Thrivent Financial at 920-645-1204 or email brandon.moehn@thrivent.com.

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

THE PRODUCE TABLE remains out if you have any extra fall produce you would like to share with members of the congregation. Items can be left on or taken from the table in the coat room anytime during the week.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - 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 or call (920) 622-3350 for more information or to register.