

Old Testament *1 Chronicles 29:10–19*

¹⁰Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. ¹⁹Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision.”

Epistle *2 Corinthians 8:1–7*

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 6:19–24*

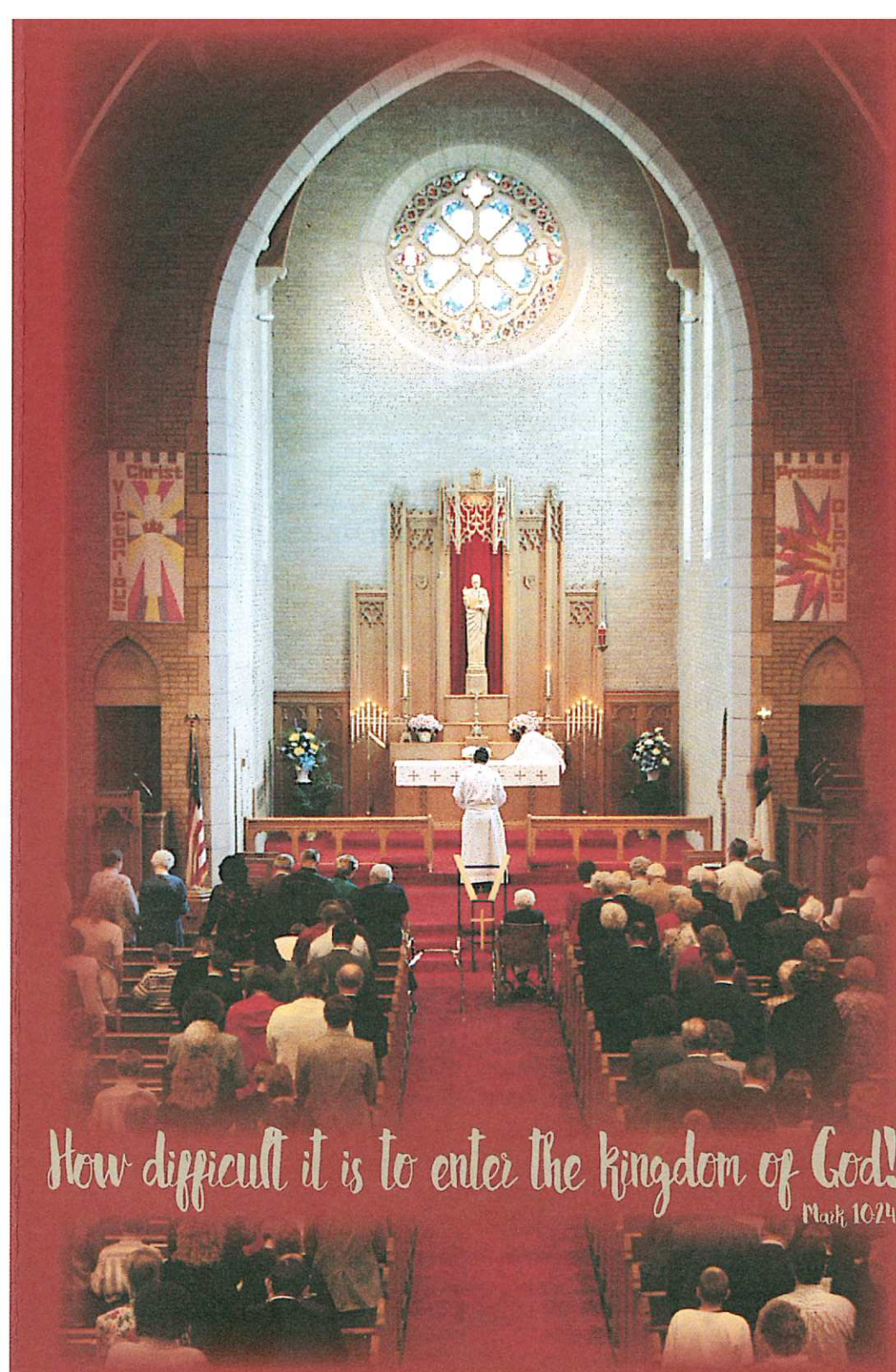
¹⁹[Jesus said:] “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”



About the Cover: Jesus teaches another important lesson in the Gospel text. As sinful humans, we are unable to enter the kingdom of God. Therefore, in order to be saved, we need Jesus' death and resurrection to provide forgiveness of our sins. Through faith in Jesus, we are made able, by God's grace, to enter the kingdom of God. Thanks be to God for His gift of grace, Christ Jesus!



How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!
Mark 10:24

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17 & 21, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 786, 785, 805, 784, 918, 750
Sermon: "Embracing a Lifestyle of Giving Joyfully and Generously"
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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 10/10 (Wed.): 39	Offering: \$855.00
Attendance 10/14 (Sun.): 103	Offering: \$1,922.25
S.S. – 20	Staff – 8
	B.C. – 9
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit: 10/14: \$71.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (10/21) 10:30 a.m. – Identity Theft Prevention Workshop
MON (10/22) November Newsletter Items Due
WED (10/24) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship
8:00 p.m. – Church Council
SUN (10/28) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Sue Juno who will undergo heart valve surgery on Thursday (10/25).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God's glory by Mary Eickert in honor of her birthday.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Jim & Florence Behnke.

NOMINEES NEEDED – Nominees are needed to fill positions on the Board of Elders (2), the Board of Trustees (1), and the Board of Stewardship/Evangelism (2). Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these capacities. Contact Pete Kittel (pckittel@charter.net) or one of the Board members if interested.

DQ FAMILY FUN NIGHT is Tuesday, November 13, 4-7 p.m. Sign up to help.

VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday, October 28 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes elections and the 2019 budget.

"EMBRACING GREAT COMMISSION STEWARDSHIP" - Our theme for this week is "Embracing a Lifestyle of Giving Joyfully and Generously." Jesus' command was to "Go therefore and make disciples..." (Matt. 28:19). One of the ways that we are obedient to the Great Commission is to financially support the spreading of the Gospel. In addition to supporting our church on a weekly basis through our offerings, we have the opportunity to help fund many other Christian causes that share the Good News to people who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Jesus told His disciples that through their faithful giving they were enabling other people the opportunity to hear the life-saving Gospel, and those people, who would come to know Jesus through the giving of the disciples, would be providing an eternal welcome for them in heaven. In the same way, our generosity can help others come to faith and be our welcome committee.

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 after church.

ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER EVENT – Sunday, November 11, 2018. See the bulletin board for more details.