

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 6:5-9, 20-25*

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ...

²⁰“When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ ²¹then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. ²³And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. ²⁴And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’

Epistle *Romans 6:12-23*

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity

and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ...
²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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Matthew 10:31



About the Cover: The Lord of creation graciously sustains His creatures, even small sparrows. Jesus teaches us that graciousness in matters of creation is only amplified for us in His work of salvation! For Jesus, who gave His very life in order to make us His own, will also take care of us. This means comfort in the midst of this life’s troubles because we are in the hands of the Creator and Savior.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 17 & 21, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: "Father, Lord, Who E'er Has Given" (Tune: 850), 857 vs. 1-3,
685 v. 1, 617, 618, 643
Sermon: "Father, Who's Following You?"
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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 6/10 (Wed.): 27	Offering: \$560.00
Attendance 6/14 (Sun): 50	Offering: \$2372.03
Budget Needs: \$3,484.00	Scrip Profit: 6/14: \$21.25

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (6/24) 7:00 p.m. – Worship
SUN (6/28) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Buddy Geiger, Brenda Geiger's husband, who is recovering from a stroke; Karl Fels, son of Lon & Lori Fels, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor; Pastor Will & Harriet Krueger, Pastor Krueger's parents, upon their 70th anniversary (June 24); our fathers.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Pete & Betty Zarnoth in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pete & Betty Zarnoth in honor of their anniversary.

PASTOR ON VACATION – June 22-29 – If there is an emergency, contact Pastor Thomas Schmitt (414-477-7804) or one of the elders.

GRADUATION CARDS are available in the card room.

PRODUCE TABLE – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

JOYFUL GIVING - Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with your other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep us with your intended offerings. Contact the church office to complete a form.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Luke 14:19 – "And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'" The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast. What could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today's parable invites us to examine our own priorities and attempted excuses and to come home to the Lord, who invites us in humble repentance.



**GOD BLESS
OUR FATHERS**