

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of

Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel

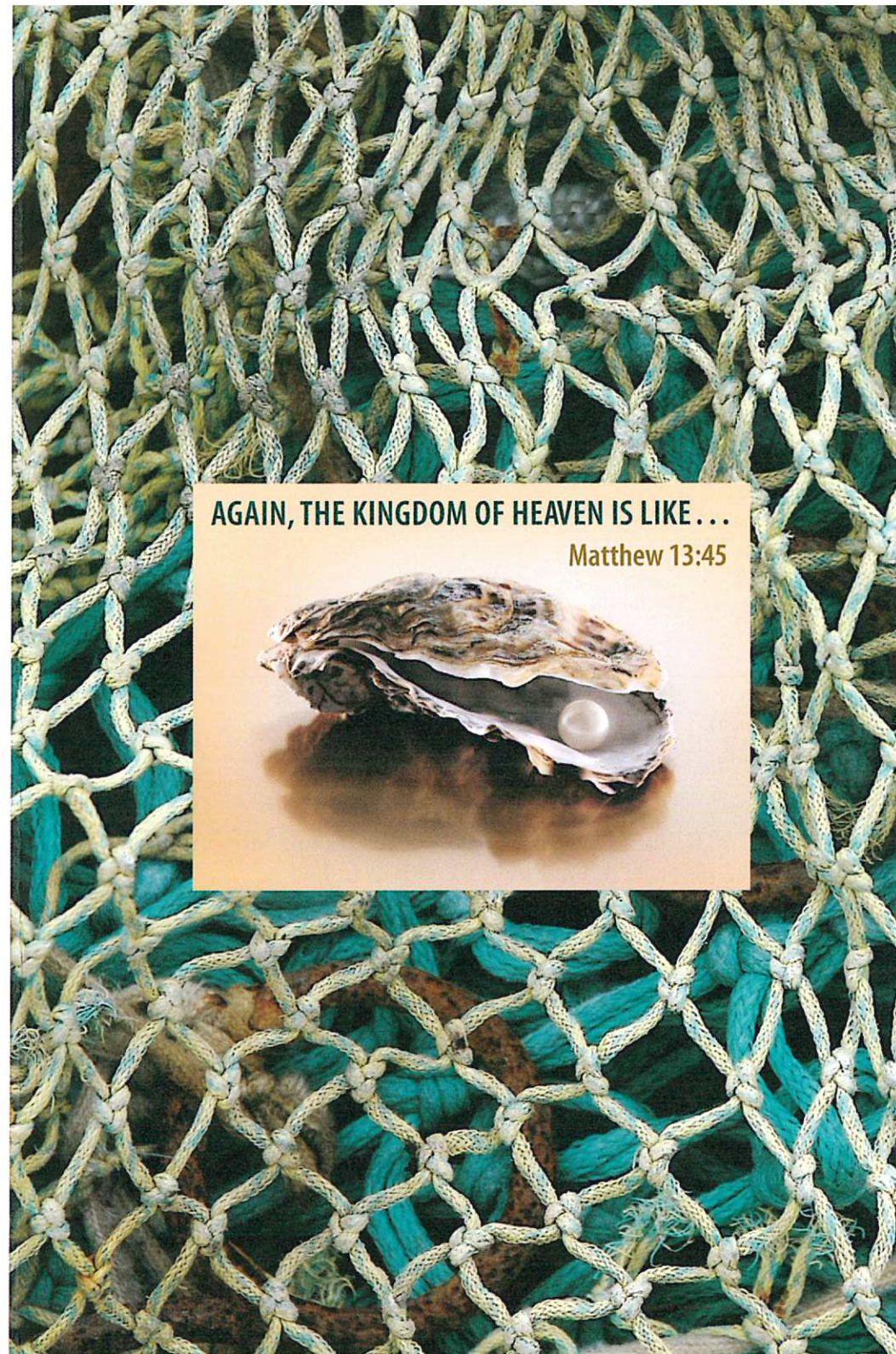
Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”



AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE . . .

Matthew 13:45



About the Cover: Like a merchant selling everything to have a pearl of immeasurable value, Jesus was willing to give everything to have us. Even though we are tarnished by our sin, Jesus sees each of us as precious and invaluable in His sight. He was willing to give His very life so that we may “be His own and live under Him in His kingdom” (Small Catechism, Explanation of the Second Article). Catechism: © 1986 CPH.



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July 22 & 26, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 907, 732, 752
Sermon: Romans 8:28-39

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/15 (Wed.): 35	Comm.: 32	Offering: \$1,135.03
Attendance 7/19 (Sun): 27	Comm.: 23	Offering: \$1,612.00
Budget Needs: \$3,484.00		Scrip Profit: 7/19: \$45.63

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/29) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
SUN (8/2) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

THANK YOU to Pastor Paul Alliet for leading us in worship and sharing the message of God's Word with us today!

PASTOR ON VACATION – July 20-27 – If an emergency should arise, contact Pastor Thomas Schmitt (414-477-7804) or one of the elders.

WEARING OF MASKS – Those who attend worship in person are encouraged to wear a face mask as the number of COVID-19 cases sees an increase.

SCRIP is available for purchase after most worship services, in the church office during the week, or by pre-ordering by calling Renee Bonick (920-296-9164).

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.

CLASSROOM AIDE Trinity Lutheran School, Hilbert WI is looking to hire an aide to help in the 4K/5K classroom four mornings per week, Monday-Thursday, from 7:30-11:15 during the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who is, please contact Board of Education chairman, Craig Schroeder at 920-213-0250.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Rom. 6:19b – “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.” To be sanctified means to be set aside for God's purposes. St. Paul encourages us to see ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that we are as set aside for God's work in all we do in the home, church, or society.

*If God is for us,
who can be against us?*
Romans 8:31