

Old Testament

Genesis 3:8–15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that

are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20–35

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”



About the Cover: With divine wisdom, Jesus clearly refutes the scribes’ claims that He has a demon by responding that a house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:25). Jesus has bound the strong man (Satan), who held the world captive, to plunder his house. Jesus has taken back what is rightfully His: His created and redeemed people. Jesus has conquered the devil through the cross in order to rescue us from captivity and put us safely in His care.



He first binds the strong man

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 2 & 6, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 816, 811, 805, 783, 782, 785
Sermon: "The First Article"
Genesis 1:26-31

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 5/26 (Wed.): 32	Comm.: 31	Offering: \$1,105.00
Attendance 5/30 (Sun): 45	Comm.: 39	Offering: \$2,230.04
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 5/30: \$12.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (6/9) **7:00 p.m. – Worship**
7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (6/10) 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (6/13) **9:00 a.m. – Worship**

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Jim Wendling who is recovering from hip surgery; Norma Bailke who is battling cancer; Lori Krueger as she deals with her health issues.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Kelly & Laurie Behnke in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Kelly & Laurie Behnke in honor of their anniversary.

CHURCH ROOF FUND – We are currently raising funds to replace the church roof. Consider buying one or a few bundles of shingles. A bundle is \$105. The complete project cost is \$19,300.

BABYSITTER(S) WANTED – A 4-year-old and a 2-year-old from Potter are looking for a babysitter(s) to get a break from their parents, Kyle & Whitney Kees. Nothing consistent for the summer but rather on an as needed basis. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger.

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 16:19 – "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." Compared with most of human history, and even most of the world today, we have been abundantly blessed with riches in our time and place. The parable today indicates that God calls us to use this blessing according to His wisdom and priorities and not merely for our own comfort. We've been called to imitate God in His kindness and generosity, especially to those in need.