

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 6:4–15*

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 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.

¹⁰“And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹²then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, ¹⁵for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

Second Reading *Acts 2:37–41*

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall

we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

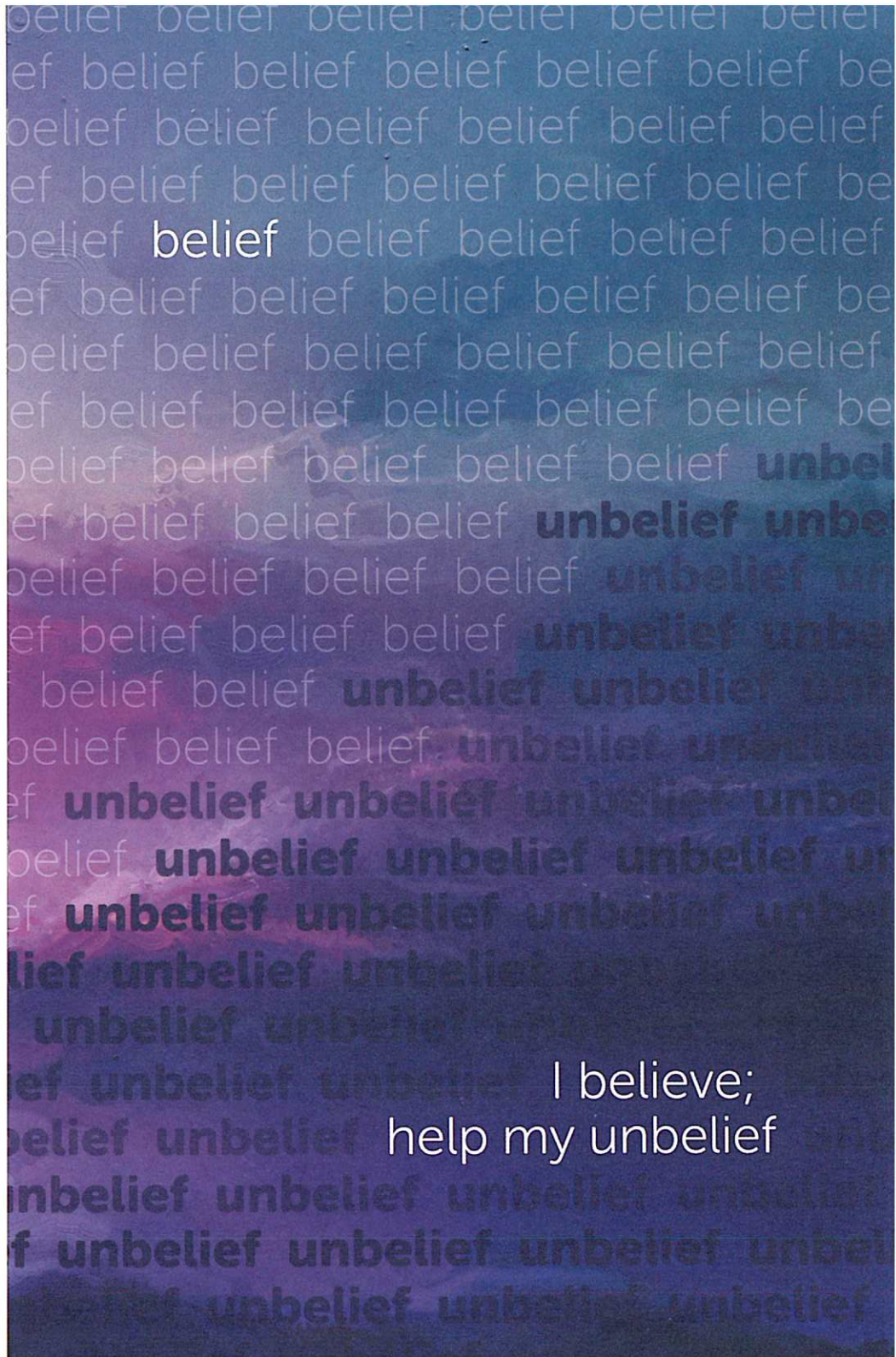
Holy Gospel *John 15:9–17*

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”



About the Cover: The battle between belief and unbelief is waged in the heart and mind of the father whose son had become possessed by a deaf and mute spirit. What we see happening in this life, or rather do not see, can often feel like a dark cloud that obscures clarity. Jesus turns us to His Word to show us that faith is not our work. It is merely receiving His promises. Into the darkness of doubt, the promises of Jesus’ victory through the cross bring victory for us.



16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8 & 12, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 908, 762, 733, 867 vs. 1 & 4, AGPS 156, (S) Hymn of Welcome
(Tune: 744), Jesus Loves Me (Senior Version; Tune: 588), 805,
965
Sermon: "The Greatest Love"
John 15:9-17

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 9/1 (Wed.): 40	Comm.: 37	Offering: \$860.04
Attendance 9/5 (Sun): 33	Comm.: 31	Offering: \$2,421.00
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 9/5: \$30.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (9/12) 6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
MON (9/13) October Newsletter Items Due
WED (9/15) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation
5:45 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Food for the Poor
7:45 p.m. – Council
THUR (9/16) 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (9/19) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Food for the Poor

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pastor & Kris Krueger
in memory of Hans Wildhagen.

NEW MEMBERS – We welcome to the St. Bartholomew family
Pearl Zeamer by transfer from St. Martin, Chilton and Clay,
Wendy, Bret, & Haylee Brehmer by profession of faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF – Amanda Zoellner
(Superintendent), Becky Krahn (Asst. Superintendent), Teachers –
Tanner Behnke, Megan Boldt, Krystal Nenahlo, Tracy Hurda,
Substitute teacher – Kayla Krahn.

FREE WOOD for the cutting. We have 9 trees on the church
property that we are looking to have taken down in October or
early November. Contact one of the Trustees or the church office if
you or someone you know is interested.

PART-TIME CHILDCARE PROVIDER POSITION - Trinity
Lutheran Daycare, Rantoul is looking for a part-time childcare
teacher that will work with children of various ages (6 weeks to 12
years). This candidate needs to be a responsible, positive, upbeat,
reliable, patient person who has a love for children and exhibits
Christian values. If you have any questions regarding this position,
please call 920-853-7142. Or email (daycare@trinityrantoul.org).

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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 6:24b – “You cannot serve God and money.” In
today’s Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our
stewardship. Well, you have to go back to verse 21 to get the
whole thing: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be
also.” Read Matthew 5:19-34 again this week at home and
consider your generosity to the Lord’s work in light of what Jesus
says.