

**Old Testament**      *Jeremiah 36:1–3, 20–25*

<sup>1</sup>In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. <sup>3</sup>It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.” ...

<sup>20</sup>So they went into the court to the king, having put the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and they reported all the words to the king. <sup>21</sup>Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. <sup>22</sup>It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. <sup>23</sup>As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. <sup>24</sup>Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. <sup>25</sup>Even when Elmathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

**Epistle**      *1 Peter 1:13–25*

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown

before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

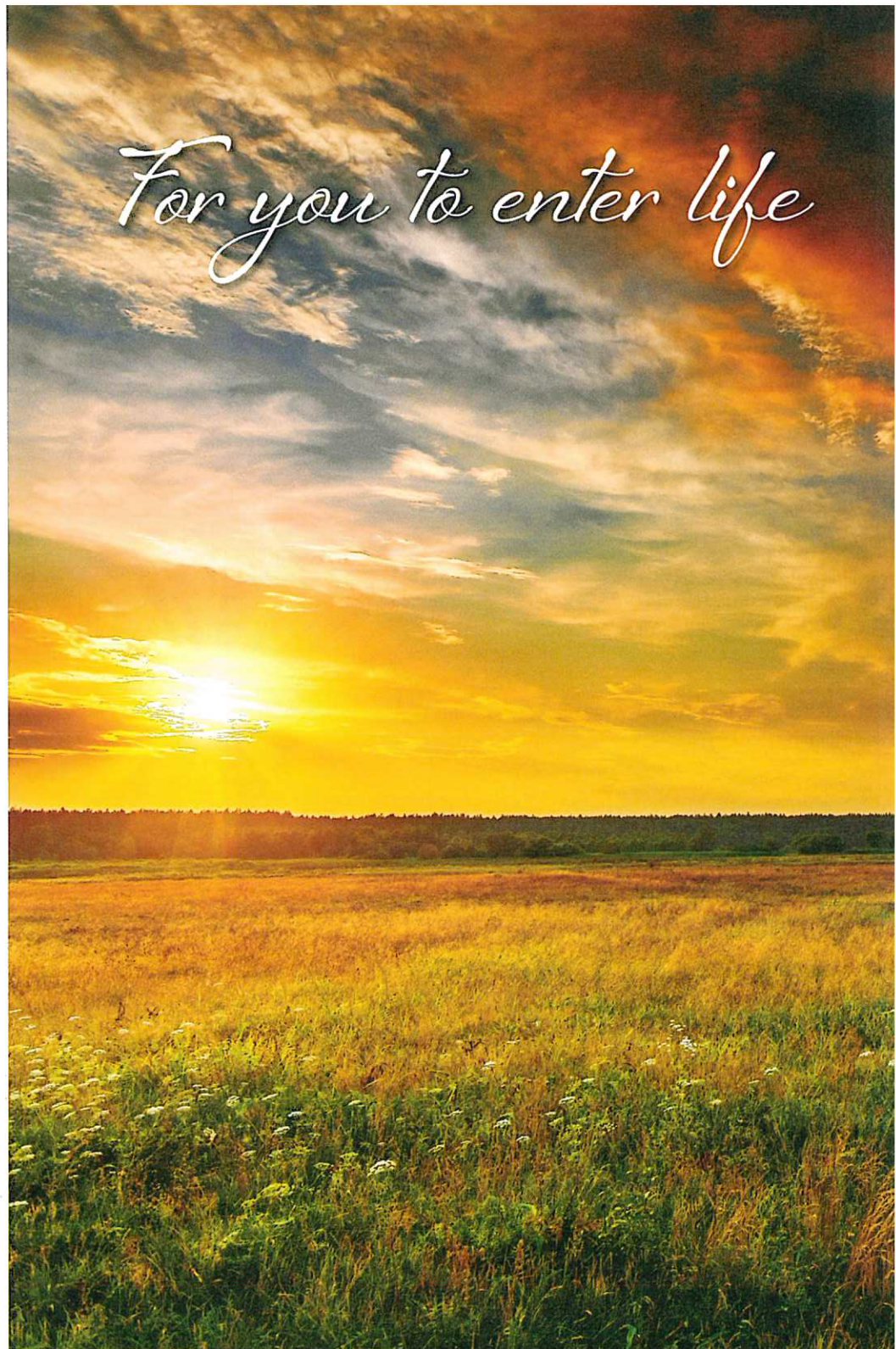
**Holy Gospel**      *Matthew 24:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>As [Jesus] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



**About the Cover:** The dawn of eternal life has come to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus says temptations will seek to take away the comfort of this promise. With eyes set firmly on Jesus and the radiance of His love, the believer living the life of faith is willing to cast off all that hinders that life in favor of the beauty of His love. Christ’s love for us was His eternal sacrifice on the cross to bring us redemption through the forgiveness of sins.



*For you to enter life*



# 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22 & 26, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 833, 583, 805, 826  
Sermon: "Paper Shredders"  
Jeremiah 36:23

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 9/15 (Wed.): 43	Comm.: 38	Offering: \$778.04
Attendance 9/19 (Sun): 49	Comm.: 38	Offering: \$1,919.04
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 9/19: \$41.75
S.S. - 13	Staff - 3	B.C. - 6

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (9/29) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation  
5:45 p.m. – Choir  
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
*LWML Sunday*

SUN (10/03) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.  
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
*LWML Sunday*

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Matt & AJ Boldt upon the birth of a baby girl; the Derricks family who serve as LBT missionaries.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Jay & Amy Krahn in honor of their anniversary.

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

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

**PUMPKINS** – The decorating committee is looking for pumpkins of various sizes to use for decorating the outside of church. If you would like to donate, please bring them to church and leave between the double doors on the east side. *Thank you.*

**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.

**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).

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Luke 14:5** – "And he said to them, 'Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?'" The time is always ripe to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law – something less than love – that was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear but out of thanksgiving.