

**Old Testament** *Ezekiel 36:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees.

**Epistle** *1 Peter 1:18–22*

<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.

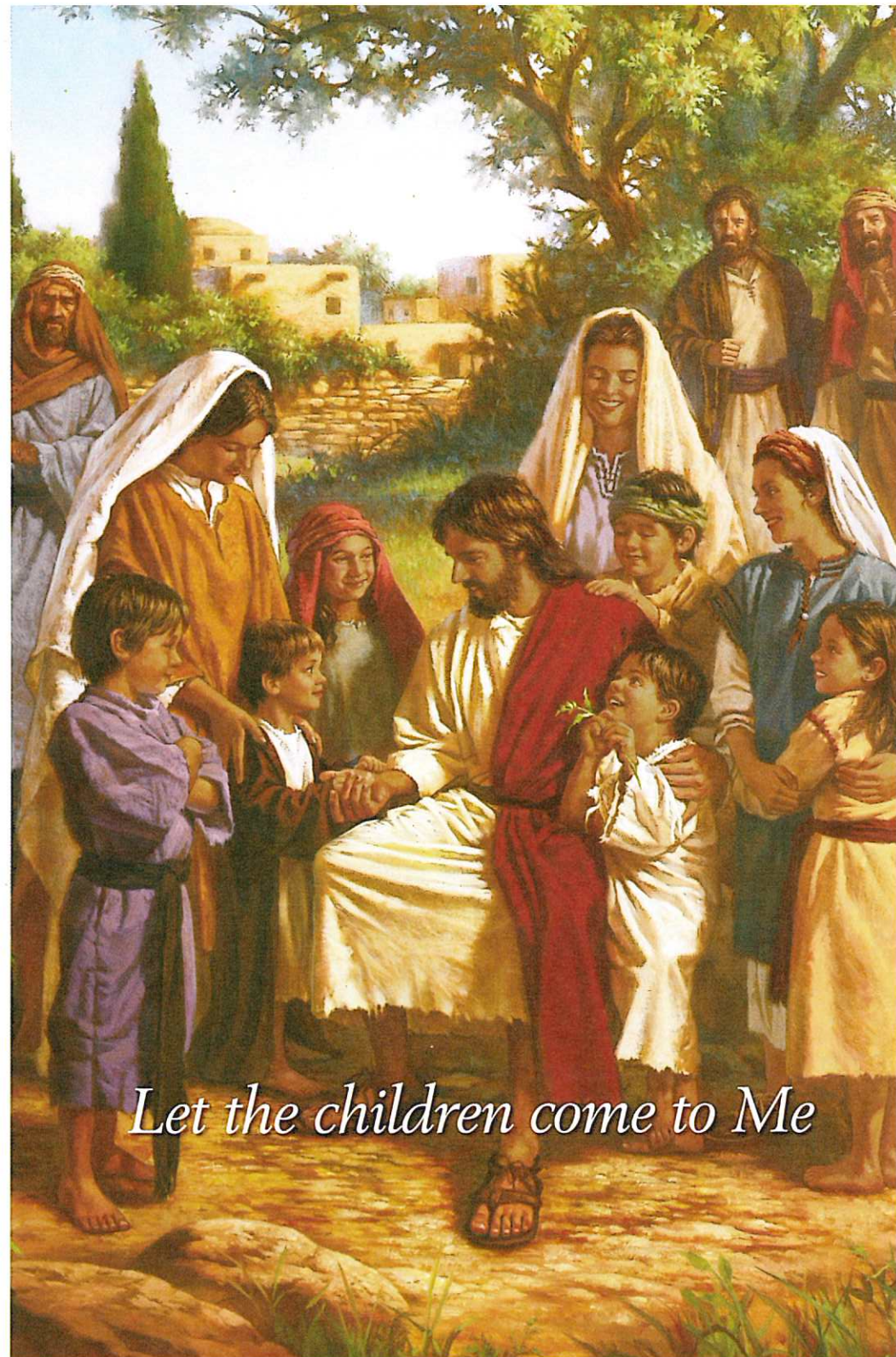
**Holy Gospel** *Mark 12:28–31*

<sup>28</sup>And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup>And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”



Pentecost

**About the Cover:** Though certainly loved by their parents, children during the time of the Gospels were not looked to as role models for spiritual life or the kingdom of heaven. Children are dependent on others for everything. But it is their dependence that Jesus points to as the key component of faith. While recognizing our dependence on the Lord for everything, we see a Savior who welcomes us with open arms into His kingdom, won by His cross and resurrection.



*Let the children come to Me*



# LWML SUNDAY

September 29 & October 3, 2021  
Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203  
Hymns: 913, 795, 704, 805, 706, 623, 740, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Tune: 662)  
Sermon: "Love One Another Earnestly from a Pure Heart"  
1 Peter 1:22

*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 9/22 (Wed.): 31	Offering: \$925.00
Attendance 9/26 (Sun): 58	Offering: \$1,768.08
Budget Needs: \$3,541	Scrip Profit 9/26: \$28.50
S.S. - 9	Staff - 3
	B.C. - 7

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (10/6) 3:30 p.m. - Confirmation  
5:45 p.m. - Choir  
7:00 p.m. - **Worship**  
7:45 p.m. - Stewardship/Evangelism  
THUR (10/7) 3:30 p.m. - Trustees  
SUN (10/10) 8:00 a.m. - S.S./B.C.  
9:00 a.m. - **Worship**  
6:00 p.m. - Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Ron Davidson whose health continues to fail; Lori Krueger who continues her battle with ALS.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Hank & Lori Horn in honor of their anniversary.

**FREE WOOD** for the cutting. There are still 4 trees on the church property that the Trustees would like 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](mailto:daycare@trinityrantoul.org)).

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**1 Corinthians 1:4** - "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." The grace of God and our thanksgiving go together. When God gives to us, thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it's not only the grace given to us that causes us to give thanks but even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us.