

Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in

the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Holy Gospel

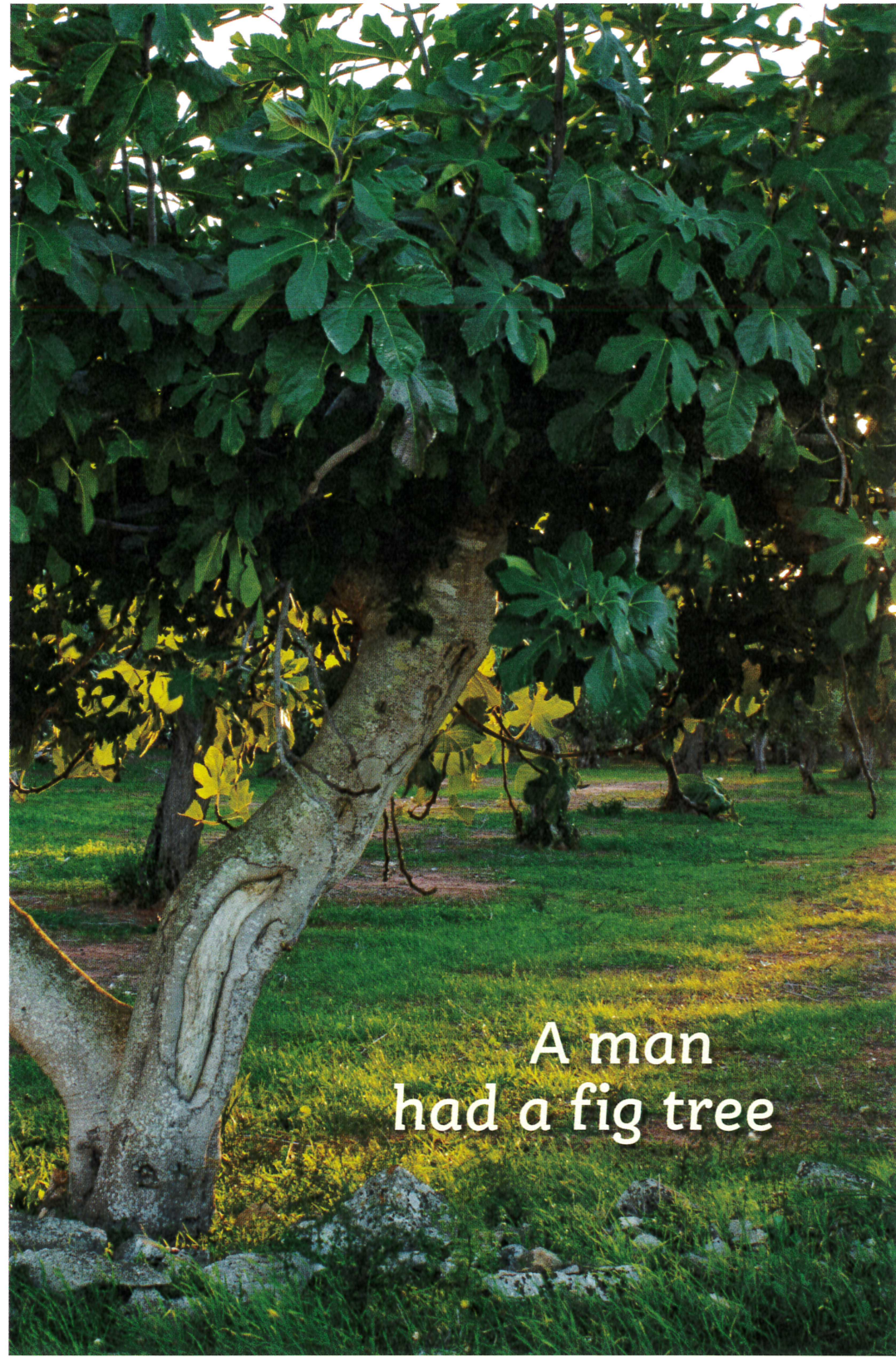
Luke 13:1–9

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



About the Cover: God’s people have been made like fig trees to bear fruit. In the eyes of the vinedresser, a fig tree that bears no fruit is not a lost cause to be immediately cut down. Instead, he tends to it and fertilizes it. Jesus’ parable helps us see His heart of patient compassion. He sees to it that we are provided with all that we need to grow and flourish. We have the Word, which has been planted within our hearts and nourished by the preaching of the Gospel, and the Sacraments.



A man
had a fig tree

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 809, TLH 323, "Lord, You Have Called Your Grace to Mind"
(Tune: 563), 691, 761, 918
Sermon: "Repentance and Compassion Meet in the Eyes"
Luke 13:1-9

***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 3/9 (Wed.): 41	Offering: \$800.00
Attendance 3/13 (Sun): 87	Offering: \$2,344.10
Budget Needs: \$3,594	Scrip Profit 3/13: \$51.38
S.S. - 4	Staff - 3
	B.C. - 8

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (3/23) 3:30 p.m. - Confirmation
5:30 p.m. - Lenten Meal
6:00 p.m. - Choir
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Worship
7:45 p.m. - Council
SUN (3/27) 8:00 a.m. - S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. - Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Laurie Behnke who is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Dave & Debbie Kamps in honor of their anniversary.

MILITARY BIBLESTICK CHALLENGE - Each BibleStick is \$25. Donations are to be over and above your regular offerings. Place your gift in an envelope and mark it "Military BibleSticks." Put it in the offering plate; drop it in the church office; or mail it to church.

CONFIRMATION & EASTER CARDS are available in the card room.

LENTEN SUPPERS - Sign up today to attend the Lenten Suppers on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.

BRAT FRY to be held Friday, April 8 at St. Vincent de Paul in Hilbert, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Spread the word! Proceeds will go toward debt retirement. Help is needed with frying and selling. Sign up on the bulletin board.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY - Friday, April 15, 4:45-6 p.m. - Pan fish, walleye, and more. Sign up to donate items. Sign up to attend. Free will offering.

EASTER BREAKFAST - Sunday, April 17, 8-9 a.m. - Egg bakes, French toast, & fruit. Sign up if you plan to attend. Free will offering (\$6/person suggested).

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19