

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had

promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

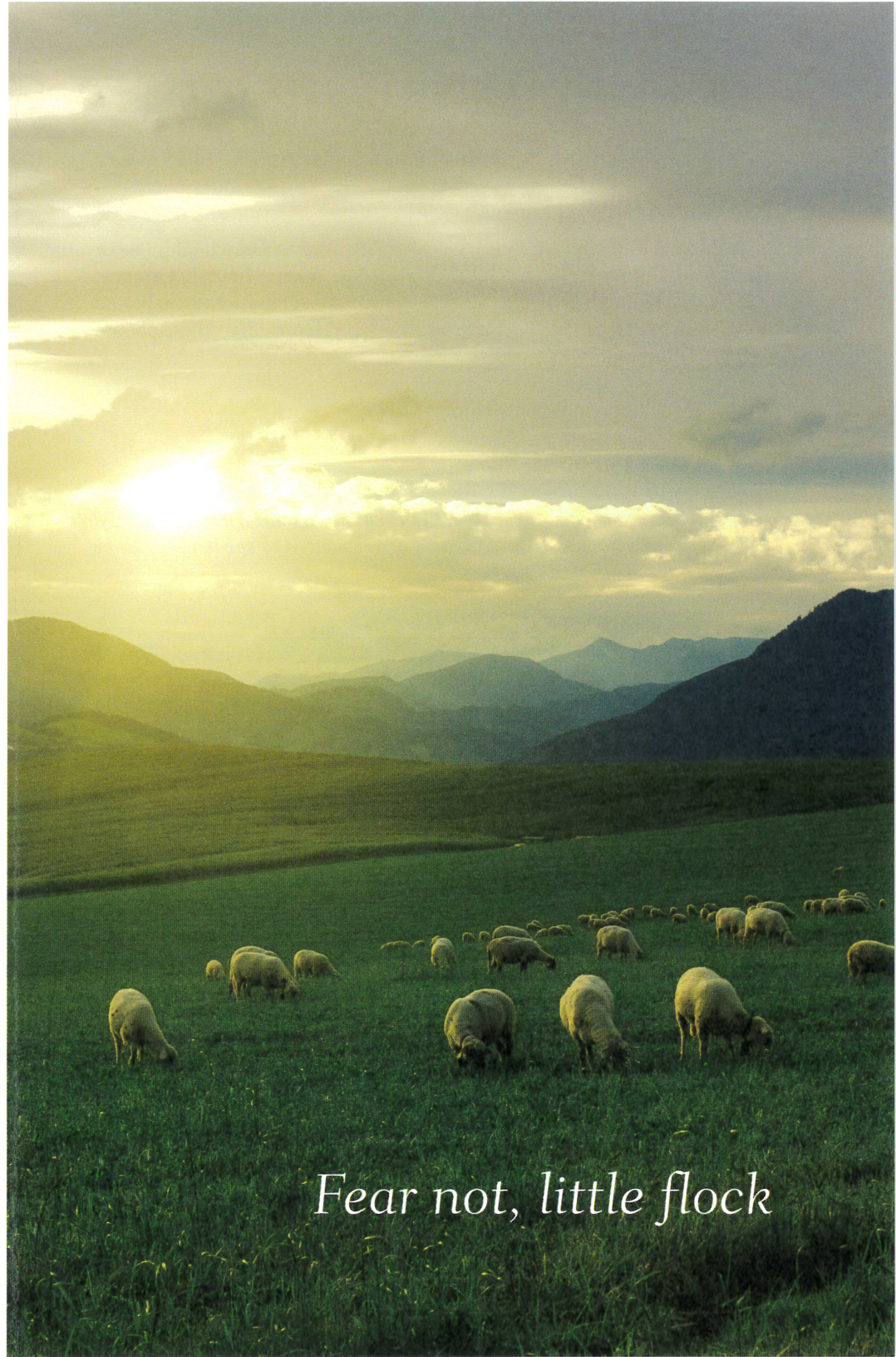
Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

About the Cover: Life as the shepherd’s sheep is a life that is guarded and protected. Even though the path that Jesus leads us on may appear perilous, our lives are in His hands. The shepherd always goes before us and does not ask us to go anywhere that He Himself has not trod. Through the laying down and taking up of His life, we have promises forevermore. Thus, we know that we have reason not to fear, but only trust.



Fear not, little flock

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3 & 7, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184
Hymns: 663, 733, 617, 623, 743
Sermon: Genesis 15:1-6

***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 7/27 (Wed): 39	Comm.: 36	Offering: \$940.06
Attendance 7/31 (Sun): 50	Comm.: 43	Offering: \$2,816.09
Budget Needs: \$3,594		Scrip Profit 7/31: \$40.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (8/10) 7:00 p.m. – Worship Service
7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (8/11) 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (8/14) 9:00 a.m. – Worship Service
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Roger & Carolyn Bladow in honor of their anniversary.

SCRIP UPDATE – BP Gas is available. They come in \$50's and \$100's.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – *The Garms Family* will be here on Sunday August 21st for our 9 a.m. service. A door offering will be received to support their music ministry. Invite your friends and family!

COLLEGE ADDRESSES – It's that time of year again. College students and parents of college students please share your or your son's/daughter's college contact information (address, phone #, email address) with the church office as soon as you have it. *Thank you!*

ATTENTION LADIES – The LWML South Wisconsin District Fall Retreat will be September 23 & 24 at the Radisson Hotel in Fon du Lac. Speaker is Karol Selle. See bulletin board for more information and registration forms.

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.

VACATIONING? Try Electronic Offering with Joyful Response. In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. If you are planning any vacations, don't forget your offering. LCEF's *Joyful Response* will help you give automatically directly from your checking or savings account whether you are at home or away.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.” As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil, and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous – don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

AMAZING
Grace