

## Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

## Second Reading

Philemon 1–21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and

to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



*Holding fast to Him,  
for He is your life and length of days*



**About the Cover:** As the people of Israel finally neared the time of entry into the Promised Land, they were exhorted to hold fast to the Lord. Though Israel would continually fail, the Lord nonetheless held fast to them. He has been steadfast in His promises, which have culminated in the sending of Jesus, who was fastened to the cross to bring forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe in Him. Today as we hold fast to Him by faith, we see that He has never let go of us.

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

August 31 & September 4, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184  
Hymns: 425, 853, 661, Comm: 918, 695  
Sermon: Luke 14:25-35

***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

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| Attendance 8/24 (Wed): 43 | Comm.: 38 | Offering: \$869.05         |
| Attendance 8/28 (Sun): 53 | Comm.: 48 | Offering: \$1,829.10       |
| Budget Needs: \$3,594     |           | Scrip Profit 8/28: \$27.00 |

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

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| MON (9/5)  | <i>Labor Day/Office Closed</i>  |
| WED (9/7)  | <b>7:00 p.m. – Worship Service</b><br>7:45 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism                  |
| THUR (9/8) | 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid<br>3:30 p.m. – Trustees   |
| SUN (9/11) | 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.<br><b>9:00 a.m. – Worship Service</b><br>6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H |

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Amy Krahn who will undergo ankle surgery.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS** begin next Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED** – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for the upcoming year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

**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!*

**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.

**JOYFUL GIVING** – Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with your other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep us with your intended offerings. Contact the church office to complete a form.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Romans 10:15a** – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the Church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

