

Old Testament

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel

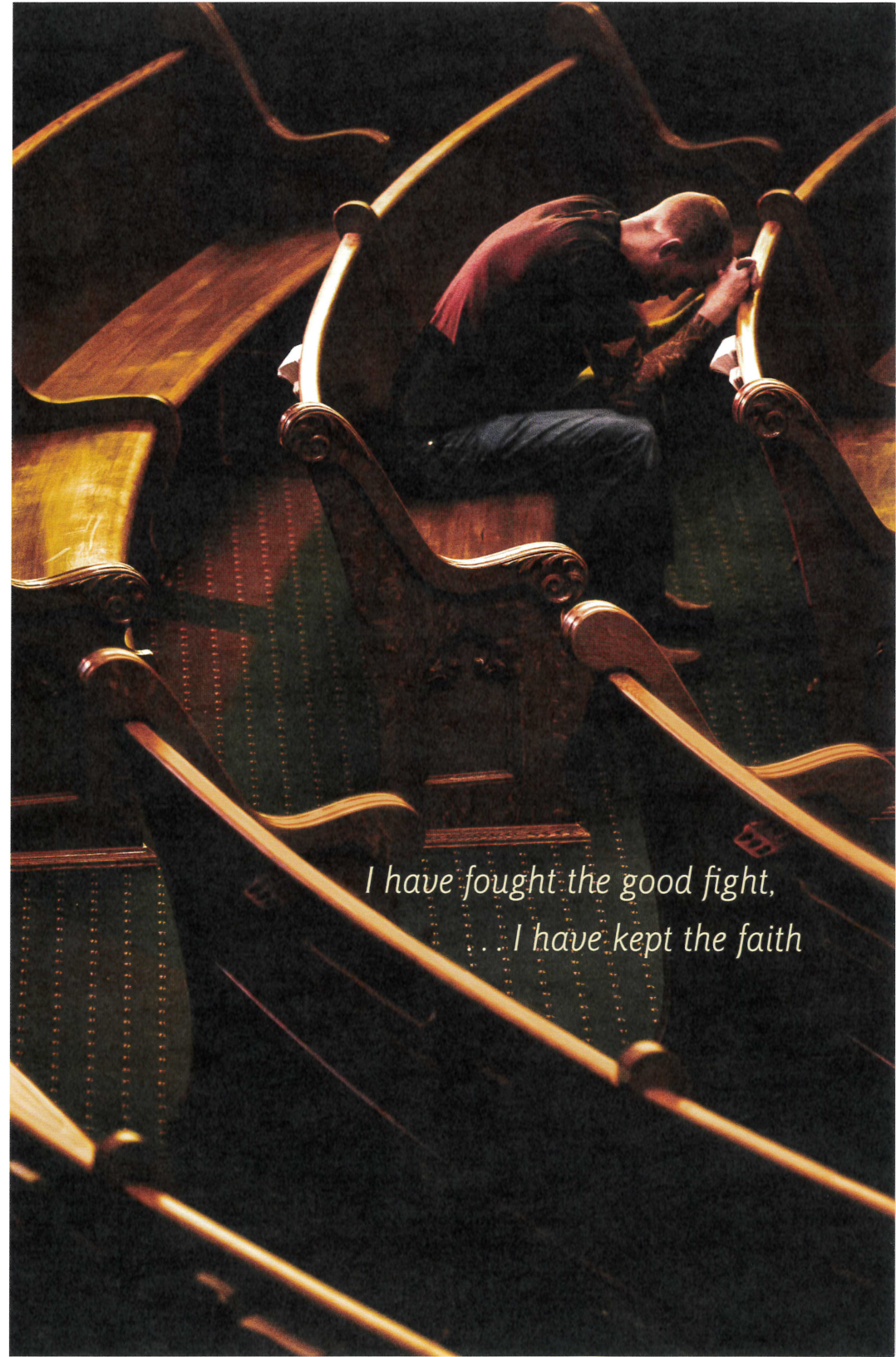
Luke 18:9–17

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”



About the Cover: Paul recalled his ministry, not for his own sake, but for the sake of Timothy, who was charged with carrying on with the preaching of the Word. Paul wanted for Timothy what he himself had lived and would die for. Let us also continue steadfast in the faith, proclaiming Christ, not merely for ourselves, but for the sake of the next generations, that they, too, may call upon the Lord and be saved (Romans 10:12).



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... I have kept the faith*

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19 & 23, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 615, 745, 678

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 10/5 (Wed): 41		
Attendance 10/9 (Sun): 41		Offering: \$2,170.21
Attendance 10/12 (Wed): 32	Comm.: 28	Offering: \$576.05
Attendance 10/16 (Sun): 54	Comm.: 44	Offering: \$1,657.10
Budget Needs: \$3,594		Scrip Profit 10/16: \$42.75
Oct. 9: S.S. – 5	Staff – 4	B.C. – 9
Oct. 16: S.S. – 6	Staff – 3	B.C. – 11

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (10/26) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 pm. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
7:45 p.m. – Council
SUN (10/30) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
10:00 a.m. – Voter's Meeting

BUILD THE QUILT – a new fundraiser for boiler repairs, \$6,000.00 is needed. Come to the voters meeting for more information.

VOTERS MEETING will be held on Sunday, October 30 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes election of officers and the 2023 budget.

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

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH – October is clergy appreciation month. There are cards available in the card room for this occasion.

THE PRODUCE TABLE is still out if you have any extra fall produce you would like to share with members of the congregation. Items can be left on or taken from the table in the coat room anytime during the week.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Brandmahl so a class can be set up.

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

Matthew 9:2 – “And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.’ ” All the gifts of God are promised to us in the forgiveness of our sins. With sin put away, we know that the Resurrection on the Last Day will yield for us true healing, everlasting life, and full communion with God. Since that is our destiny, how can we not live lives of thankfulness, love, and joy here on earth? What are you thankful for? How will you respond to the Lord in thankfulness this week?