

## Old Testament

*Jeremiah 28:5–9*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

## Epistle

*Romans 7:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law,

I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:34–42*

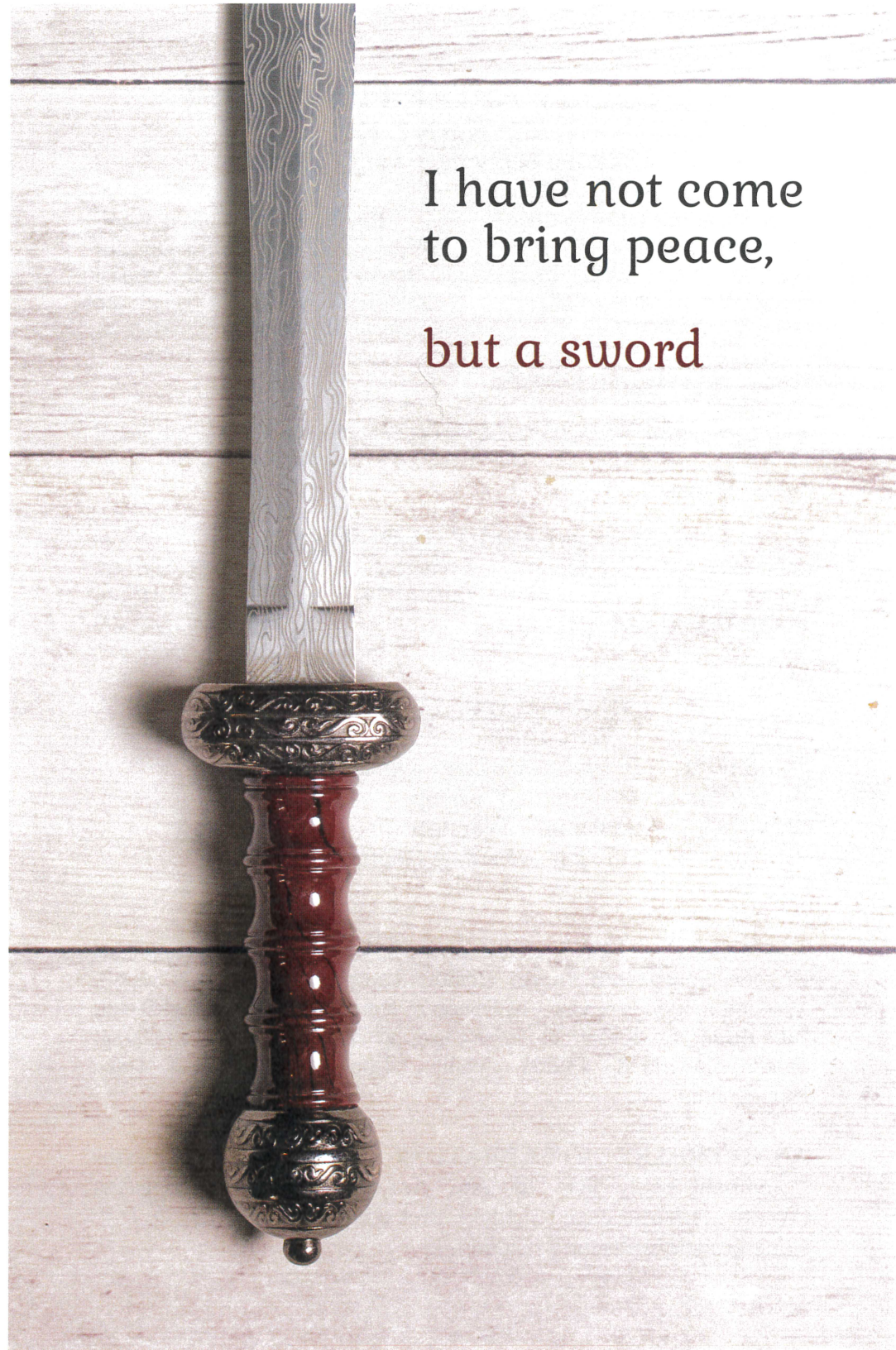
<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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**About the Cover:** We are easily astonished by Jesus’ words of sword instead of peace. The apparent severity of Jesus’ words reveals the dividing line that cuts through earthly bonds of this life, even that of family. Peace with God will mean enmity with the world. But this shows us the importance of what He has come to bring to all who believe in Him. He alone brings forgiveness, life, and salvation. In Him, we are members of the eternal family of God.





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

June 28 & July 2, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 851, 685, 781, 863, 965

***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 6/21 (Wed): 35	Comm.: 29	Offering: \$461.06
Attendance 6/25 (Sun): 42	Comm.: 37	Offering: \$2,107.06
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 6/25: \$7.00

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (7/3)	Office Closed
TUES (7/4)	Independence Day – Office Closed
WED (7/5)	7:00 p.m. – Worship
SUN (7/9)	9:00 a.m. – Worship
	6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Alvin Bladow (brother of Roger Bladow), Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, and Terry Brandenburg.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** – In honor of Pastor Brandmahl being here for one year, we will have cupcakes (Wednesday) and cake (Sunday) after church on July 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Pastor Brandmahl!

**POWER POINT ASSISTANTS** are needed. If you'd like to help with the PowerPoint during the worship, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**GRASS CUTTERS** – we are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

**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.

**MITE BOX** – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Mites go towards many different grants to help those in need. There is a list of them by the mite box.

**CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATION CARDS** are available in the card room.

**STUFF THE BUS** – The Kids from Wisconsin have partnered with local food banks for a “Stuff the Bus” food drive during their tour. Donation of non-perishable items can be dropped off at Endries Performing Arts Center on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. and at Tadych's MarketPlace Foods from July 5-19<sup>th</sup>.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Romans 8:18** – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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