

Old Testament *Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

¹The word of the LORD came to me:
²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Epistle *Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the

same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 21:23–27*

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”



About the Cover: Our life as the children of God is a pure and beautiful gift. Christ has loved us by dying on the cross for our sins, putting our interests above His own. Because of Christ, we also are free to put the interests of others before our own. In turn, the Lord has placed the beautiful gifts of love and service into our hands so we can share them with our neighbors.

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Philippians 2:4

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27 & October 1, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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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 9/20 (Wed): 29	Comm.: 27	Offering: \$456.05
Attendance 9/24 (Sun): 69	Comm.: 55	Offering: \$2,156.07
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 9/24: \$34.75
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KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (10/4) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship

SUN (10/8) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by the family of Betty Krahn in her memory.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – Rev. Pfaff from Food for the Poor will be preaching and leading Bible class on Sunday October 8th.

MEAL TRAIN – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for a meal train for Pastor and Ashley for the week after their baby is born. Please sign up if you'd like to make a meal for them.

CHURCH TEXTING – Currently the church office is unable to receive or send text messages. If you need to contact the office, please call or email.

MEAL TRAIN – There is a meal train site set up for Lori & John Krueger for anyone who would like to help out with meals for them. You can use the link listed to get to the site to sign up for meals. <https://mealtrain.com/r5nnmw>

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.

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.

THANK YOU – Dear Members of St. Bartholomew. We want to thank all of you who helped us celebrate the upcoming arrival of baby Brandmahl. From those who helped plan and set up to those who gave gifts and cards, and those who were able to attend, we want to say "Thank you so much!" We are so grateful for your kindness and support. In Christ, Pastor, Ashley, Josephine and Violet Brandmahl.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT – Trinity Rantoul will be having their 3rd annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sat. Oct. 21st from 4 – 6 pm in the school parking lot. All are welcome. Food, games, prizes, balloon twisting and face painting. See bulletin board for more details.