

Old Testament Reading: 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.

Epistle: 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.

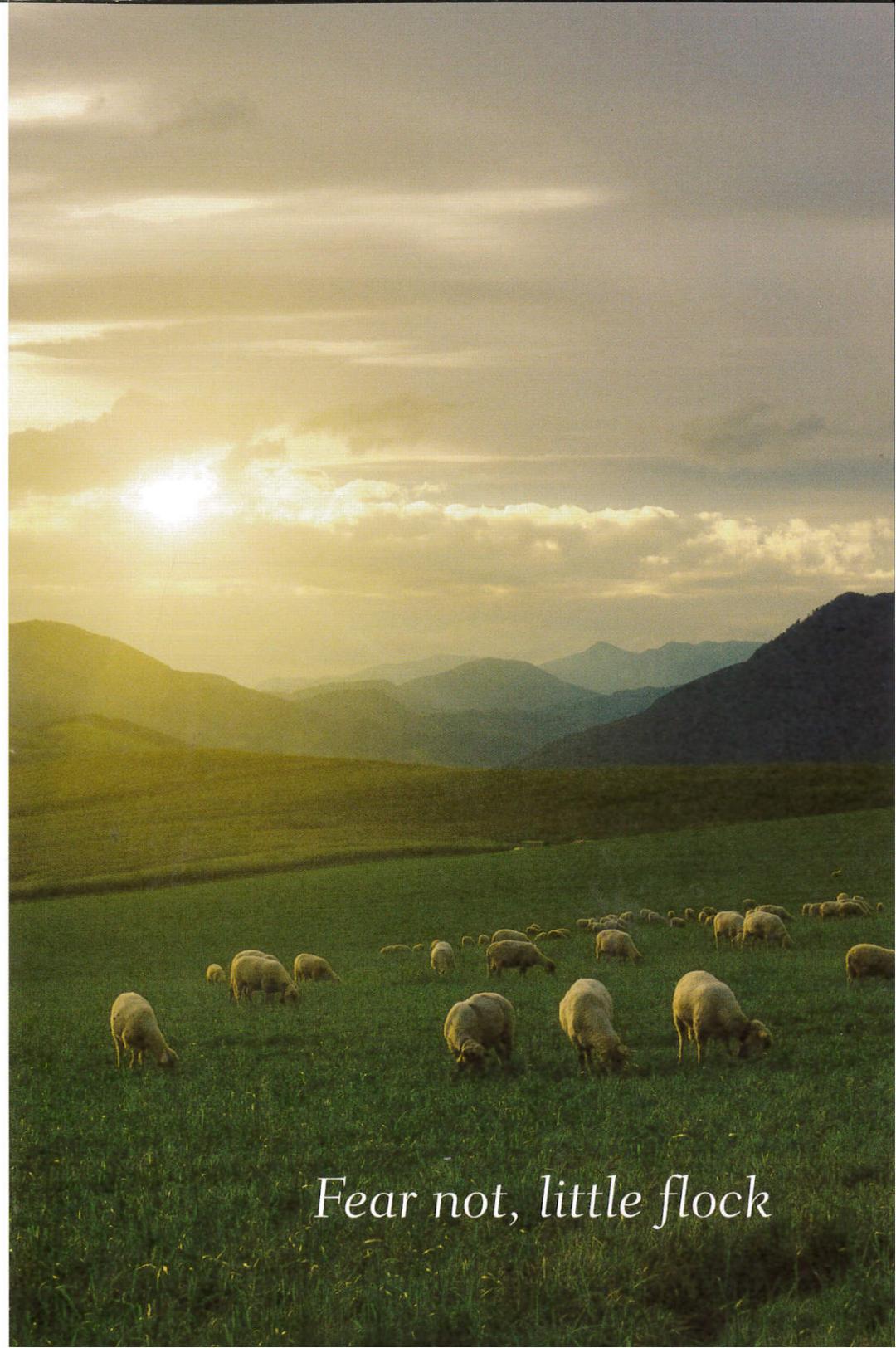
Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22–34

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

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August 7, 2022 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Hymn of Invocation 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Invocation and Versicles (p. 151)

Introit *Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7*

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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make melody to our God on the lyre!

The Kyrie (p. 152)

Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Feast* (p. 155)

Salutation and Collect (p. 156)

P Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen. (*sung*)

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Alleluia and Verse (Common, p. 156)

Hymn of the Day 736 Consider How the Birds Above

Sermon

Nicene Creed (p. 158)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory (p. 159)

Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

(Please see the Communion statement in the pew pads for receiving the Sacrament at St. John's.)

Distribution Hymns

534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Post-Communion Cantic: *Thank the Lord* (p. 164)

Hymn to Depart 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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Today's Readings: Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6
Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-16
Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

WE PRAY: Heavenly Father, who in deliberating love has promised us the Kingdom and by the power of the Holy Spirit claimed us for the faith, by that same Spirit sustain us in that faith, that we, seeking Your will above all things, may by Your love inherit that which You have promised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

IF YOU DESIRE, a visit or call from Pastor Nerud, please contact the church office (309-949-2516).

OFFICE HOURS

Terri's hours (Monday—Friday) 8 am—12 pm
Pastor's hours (Monday, Pastor's day off)
(Tuesday) 9 am—12 pm
(Thursday) 9 am—12 pm & 1 pm—4 pm
(Wednesday & Friday) please call ahead.

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Sunday school—4 Adult Bible Class—14 Worship—72

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$3,435.00
Weekly 2022 Budget income needed \$4,084.71

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Council meeting
Next Sunday	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalms 122:1*

LUKE 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air – this we know, it's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds...to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come, Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

ATTENDANCE PADS are at the end of each pew. Each family (members and guests) should sign using only **ONE** box per household, naming all family members present in the one box. **EVERYONE** needs to indicate their intention to receive Holy Communion on a Communion Sunday. Return pad to the right end of your pew. Thanks for your help with this.

WHO WILL HELP? We are in need of people to serve on two different committees. First we need 3 people to serve on the nominating committee. You will be asked to secure the names of congregational members willing to be on the ballot for the Church council for 2023.

The second need is for 2 additional people to serve on the Church Constitution Review Committee. Your job will be to review the current constitution and make recommended changes as necessary. Please contact Don Hock (309-945-6675) or Pastor Nerud if you are willing to help on either of these committees. Please let either know ASAP.

CID SCHOLARSHIP– The school season is upon us and our children and teachers will return to the classroom. Positive Christian education is a necessity and blessing to all. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. An offering plate will be available for the next 3 Sundays. Envelopes are available for your gifts and place it in the offering plate found on the table under the office window. Let's help in the teaching of our children with strong Christian values.

MARK THE DATE, August 19th 6-9 pm, for Family Fun Night. This event will replace the usually Rally Day. We will gather at 6 pm for a cook-out and evening of games, fun, and fellowship. Bring picnic food and lawn chairs. Hope to see many there. This is for the entire congregation and all ages.

ALTAR FLOWERS—The 2022 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board next to the restrooms. Cost for weekly flowers are \$30 for two arrangements. We greatly appreciate those who help with providing flowers for Sunday worship services. Please sign up for a Sunday.

SHOE BLESSINGS! Concordia Lutheran Academy has received a check for \$1716.75 for shoes donated to the fundraiser! Not only that, studies by Funds2Orgs and Shoes4Good found that it takes just 6 bags of shoes to give one family in an underdeveloped country the means to escape poverty. That means the 157 bags of shoes we collected have the possibility of helping 26 families! Shoe collection boxes at many of the churches in the Rock Island Circuit, and your sharing the word with neighbors and friends have resulted in a nice donation toward our fundraising goal, and also helped spread the word about Concordia Lutheran Academy! Again, thanks to all who donated shoes and helped in any way!

THE ROCK ISLAND CIRCUIT YOUTH GROUP will be having a Pool Party on Sunday August 14th at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to join us at the home of Sara Miller (youth board member) at **5943 Oregon Drive, Bettendorf**. Please bring a towel, sunscreen and a friend! Snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Welch at 309-714-5491.

COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM ST JOHN'S—Parents of students who will be attending an institution of higher learning are asked to let Terri know what school your child is attending and all forms of contact (phone, email, mailing address). Your help is greatly appreciated.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:
MISSION—Pray for teachers and administrators in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

ST JOHN'S—Mrs. Sandra Kane—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Sandy and ask Your blessings upon her.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Linda Aper	Betty Firch	Paula Chapa
Elizabeth Bjork	Arlyn Helke	Drew Schillinger

Jim Dahl	Lynne Johnson	Carolyn Werner
Lois Esterlein	Carolyn Wildermuth	Marilyn Woods
Don Eggers (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)		
Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)		
Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)		
Marilyn Potts (wife of Cal Potts, former St. John Laborer for Christ)		
Virginia Miller (mother of Jamie Werling)		
Rev. Justin Kane (son of Sandra Kane)		

MILITARY—We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

Mandy/Richard Davila (daughter/son-in-law of Linda Aper)
Luke/Nicole Thompson (son/daughter-in-law of John/Kindra Thompson)
Ken Willeford (husband of Alicia Willeford)
Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Zachary/Tiffany Gardner (nephew/wife of Lois Esterlein)
Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Brittany Loenser (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“God’s Son began His life weak and helpless, laid in a feeding trough. He began His ministry weak and tempted, vulnerable in the desert. In a weakened state from the scourging, Jesus died on the cross, making you right with God, filling you with His strength. And when God supplies your strength, you are strong, indeed.” *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

WALK FOR LIFE—Pregnancy Resources annual fund raiser is set for Saturday, September 10th. Walkers may check in between 8:30—11:00 am at the East Shelter of Ben Butterworth Park. Walkers may walk any time between 9-11:30 am. If you wish to support this event but are unable to walk, you may send your donation to: Pregnancy Resources, 3825—16th St., Moline IL 61265.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY- St. John's in East Moline is looking for a Director of Youth and Family. This is a salaried position with an average of 16 hours per week. A detailed job description can be found in St. John's office. Applicants will need to fill out an application and supply a resume with 3 letters of recommendation. Call Cris Braddy at 309-235-7984 if you have any questions.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Text: Luke 12:22-34 (Gospel)

Other Texts: Genesis 15:1-6 (Old Testament Reading); Hebrews 11:1-16 (Epistle)

“Your Father Will Provide”

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

“I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.”ⁱ These words from the Nicene Creed confess the Biblical truth of the article of creation. They state that we believe, confess, and teach that all that exists, matter and energy in all their forms, even time, is not the result of some cosmic accident, the result of some controlled evolutionary process,ⁱⁱ nor the result of occasional creative acts of divine intervention over long ages of time,ⁱⁱⁱ but is the creative result of the eternal God, the Father creating by His Word (the Son) in their Holy Spirit, with all things other than the Triune God being brought into existence over the first six days of this universe’s existence.

Yes, as Christians, we fully accept what God’s Word reveals about creation, knowing that God cannot lie and that His Word is truth and so it cannot fail.^{iv} To say that the Bible accurately conveys spiritual truths, but may have inaccuracies or errors in earthly things, such as details of history or science, is nothing less than an insult to Almighty God. For it would be saying that either He could not accurately convey truth in the first place in His Word, or that He gave “false information” because mankind was still “too primitive” to understand the actual truth.

This second idea, that God had to speak of creation in the way He did in the Bible since only in recent history do we understand scientific realities well enough “to get” the truth, is used by some theologians and churches to try and “save” the Bible in the face of what they believe to be “proven facts of science.” But it should be noted that such does not save the Bible at all, but only leaves it open to the question, “What else is false or wrong in it?”

But the Bible needs no such “defenders”! Just a point of consideration, there were Greek philosophers in the centuries before our Lord’s coming, and other pagans even before them, who had already proposed evolutionary concepts.^v My point, if evolution was true, mankind was “advanced enough” that God would have revealed it, at least by the time the New Testament was written. But He did not reveal anything concerning evolution. Why? Because it is not true!

So far, I have (hopefully) said nothing that shocks you. Yet, it is critical that the Church speaks the truth of the article of creation loud and clear in the face of the atheists’ evolutionary propaganda that is shoved down our throats in science classes, nature specials, and nearly every form of media, including children’s entertainment,^{vi} made then worse when compromising Christians act as unwitting dupes to further Satan’s lies. For if we cannot trust Scripture to speak the truth on earthly, temporary things, why would we trust it when it speaks about far more critical truths that deal with salvation and eternity? As Jesus insightfully asked, “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”^{vii}

Yet, it is possible to fully believe in the six-day creation account as recorded in Holy Scripture and to yet be a practical *atheist* in the First Article of our Christian Creeds which deal with creation. “How?” you ask. Well one very obvious way is by acknowledging God as the Creator, believing in His salvation in Christ Jesus and the new birth of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and other *spiritual* truths, but when it comes to this day-to-day existence, basically thinking and living in such a way that puts your earthly well-being squarely on your own shoulders with little more than lip service to God. But the Lord Christ will have none of that.

And he 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. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider 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! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider 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. But 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! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.”^{viii}

Dear Christians, the practical atheism which rejects this truth is nothing less than idolatry. It is an idolatry of works, whereby man must do it on his own. Thus ultimately it is an idolatry of one’s self. *I* must look to *my own* wisdom, *my own* planning, *my own* financial shrewdness, and *my own* hard work in order to survive, to make it, to climb the ladder. But *why*, I ask you, would Christ command us *to pray for daily bread*, that is, everything that deals with the support and needs of our body and this earthly life, *if it is something that we alone produce?*

But someone might reply, “Did not God say, ‘If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat’?”^{ix} True. But don’t think you can use God’s own Word against Him. For the very Word which commands us to work also says this concerning all of creation and, in this case, specifically mankind, “For in Him we live and move and have our being.”^x Thus it is *His presence and power* within people that allows them to work in the first place. So also, it is *His providence* by which *He provides* our opportunities, “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.’”^{xi} Again, it is *His blessings* that cause work to be fruitful for “he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”^{xii}

While true of all mankind, unbelievers will of course deny and scoff at the truth of God’s gracious providence towards them. *But it should be recognized by believers!* So what Scripture says is true, not just in spiritual things, but in all things, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”^{xiii} But why then do we boast, claiming it is us, bragging about our hard work before others to the praise of our own egos? Why then do we think and live as if we are solely responsible for

our own well-being? No wonder we so readily rob God of the glory that is rightly His in giving us our life and providing for it: *we don't really believe it was all from Him!* And so we end up denying the very words we confess, "I believe in one God, *the Father Almighty.*"

For consider what it means to be a Father. A father is not just a *progenitor*, but also a *provider* unto His progeny. And if that is true of all mankind, even those who reject and despise Him, since by creation all humanity is His offspring,^{xiv} then how much more will He provide for and protect those who are His children not only by creation, but by conversion, being brought to faith in Christ Jesus as their Savior. And so it is that the believer who has Jesus as their Brother according to the flesh is invited, even commanded, to call Jesus' Father, "Our Father" as well.

But why then do we seem to lack that which we want and work so hard for? First, does not God keep us honest and working hard to serve our neighbor in our vocations not only by using them as a means by which He provides us our daily bread (paying the bills), but also by encouraging our hopes of improving our earthly situations? Second, does He not work in us the Christian virtue of patience even through having us wait for earthly things? But could it not also be a third reason, that is, because we are not actually thinking as His children should?

St. Paul wrote, "But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content."^{xv} But are we truly content with these? How often is even the food that we are provided not really what we wanted, even the clothing not the right style or brand? While hoping to improve our earthly situation can be a positive motivation, coveting that which we do not have because we are not content with God's provision towards us is nothing less than sin. And God will not bless sin.

Our Lord says, "Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."^{xvi} Yet how often do we find something more important than hearing His Word, receiving His Supper, and being in prayer, the very ways in which we truly seek His kingdom? How often is that reason even "work," the very thing we think we need to do instead of being in the Divine Service and, by such, indicate our lack of faith in God's provision? For make no mistake, when we excuse our regular willful skipping of public worship with "God wants me to work to support my family" or some such, we show our idolatry of ourselves, our work, and our desire "for more."

For God would certainly have us choose the one thing needful, His Holy Word, and He will certainly provide for us when we do such. And should He choose to allow a time of want, then all the work we do will be of no avail. And should it be a test, My Word and kingdom or the things of this life, why should He provide what we want if we choose wrongly? Worse still would be if we receive it. For then we will think God is happy even as we lose His kingdom! So perhaps a reason we lack at times is because God is disciplining us, reminding us to get our priorities straight once more before we wander away from Him too far.

Dear precious saints, God has given you a soul, and so He provides for it. He feeds you through His Word and Sacraments with the very manna of heaven, your Lord Jesus Christ who lived, died, and rose as your substitute, that your sins are forgiven and so your life He has given you will not end in death, but will continue in eternal life with Him. Eternal life not only of the soul, but your body as well, which through baptism has received the promise of the resurrection to glory.

So in a similar manner, if God clothes the grass and feeds the ravens though they are not His children and have no promise of resurrection, then He who has given us life in this body that He will raise, will certainly provide food and clothing to sustain it until He raises it! It is your heavenly Father who promises this! A true Father who not only created you, but who protects you and provides for you every day. Not that you would not work. But so that you may work without doubt, worry, or fear! For if He provides for your life in heaven and for eternity, it is then a small thing indeed to provide for your life here on earth and in time. So fear not little flock! It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.^{xvii} And He will certainly provide you with all that you need until He brings you into its heavenly fullness. Amen!

ⁱ The First Article of the Nicene Creed.

ⁱⁱ The false doctrine of *Theistic Evolution*.

ⁱⁱⁱ The false doctrine of *Progressive Creation*.

^{iv} Cf. Joshua 21:45; John 10:35; 17:17.

^v <https://creation.com/evolution-ancient-pagan-idea>

^{vi} E.g. PBS's *Dinosaur Train*.

^{vii} John 3:12. All quotes are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV)* unless otherwise noted.

^{viii} Luke 12:22-30.

^{ix} 2 Thessalonians 3:10.

^x Acts 17:28.

^{xi} James 4:13-15.

^{xii} Matthew 5:45.

^{xiii} 1 Corinthians 1:31.

^{xiv} Acts 17:28.

^{xv} 1 Timothy 6:8.

^{xvi} Luke 12:31.

^{xvii} Luke 12:32.