



August 7-8, 2021

Pentecost 11

The Believer's Two Natures



And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
Ephesians 4:24

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 14.

Pre-Service Devotion: [Jesus said] I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. (John 6:51a)

At this time, offering plates are not passed during the service. The plates are located on a stand at each church entrance. You may also give electronically – see the “eGive” button at eauclairemessiah.com

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7)



Hymns: 23 648 398 441:1-2 68

Sunday only: VBS singing 648 with Congregation on third stanza

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-9, 13-15

²Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.” ⁵And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt.” ⁷And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸Also Moses said, “This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD.” ⁹Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.’” ¹³So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. ¹⁴And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one

another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

Gospel Reading..... John 6:24-35

²⁴ when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." ²⁸ Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." ³⁰ Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?" ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." ³⁵ And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Sermon Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Sermon Theme: It is not the sin that damns, it is the attitude.

1. The unbeliever sins – and loves it and goes back for more.
2. The believer sins – and hates it and goes back to Jesus.

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel



Communion Announcement: Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of closed communion, we seek to follow and obey the Word of God.

Communion Kits are still available for home or pew use. Those using kits will partake as the "first table" (from home or from their pew). Then the pastor will invite the rest to come forward to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the direction of the ushers. This arrangement is so the first table can hear the pastor speaking.

Gluten Free and non-alcoholic wine are available at the stands as you approach the communion rail.

This Week at Messiah

Sunday services live-streamed/archived at eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 8/8

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #4, Counters F)

10:00 am Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
11:15 am Heritage Court	

12:00 pm Church Picnic (noon) at Mount Simon

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Mon, 8/9

6:30 pm Elders

Tues, 8/10

9:00 am Koffee Klatsch at Perkins

Wed, 8/11 – Sun, 8/15 Porkies Youth Camp-out – Porcupine Mtns, MI

Wed, 8/11

1:45 pm Lake Hallie	2:30 pm Our House
4:30 pm Building Committee	

Thur, 8/12 – Sat, 8/14 Annual (private) Garage Sale

Fri, 8/13

4:00 pm Board of Property

Sat, 8/14

9:00 am VBS in the Park (Riverview) 9-11:30am

10:00 am Moving Event at Messiah School
6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #5)

Sun, 8/15

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #6, Counters G)

10:00 am Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Upcoming Dates at Messiah:

- August 21-22, Christian Education Weekend
- August 22, Opening Service at ILC
- August 23, First Day of Classes at ILC
- September 7, Tentative Opening Day at Messiah

Announcements

Church Picnic: All are invited to attend the annual church potluck picnic **this Sunday** at Mount Simon Park, beginning at noon. Games and food are planned out. Come and join us.

Sunday evening Bible study – continues this Sunday at 6:30pm. This week we are looking at chapters 14-16 of Matthew's Gospel, with the focus on "Who is Jesus?". You are invited to join us. (Study sheets for chapters 1-13 are available on the table in the narthex.)

August VBS is Complete! Our theme was "Children of the Heavenly Father," and we met on the campus of ILC. Our total enrollment was **50** (45 members and 5 non-members) with an average daily attendance of **45**. Thank you to all of our wonderful staff! Amanda Roth served as VBS Coordinator. Pastor Naumann served for group devotions and music. The following volunteers stepped up to serve as teachers, helpers, planners, and coordinators: Nathan Lau, Kathy Markus, Mike Naumann, Dani Gamble, June Schmid, Kay Knutson, Anton Knutson, Bethanie Gantt, Abigail Heinze, Sophia Carstensen, Karen Swyter, Jarad Friedrichs, Kâren Franson, Lori Wirth, Sarah Kelly, Angela Roehl, Alyson Roth, George Carstensen, and Andy Plath. There were many other helping hands for snacks, transportation, and other needs - thank you! Thanks to our LORD for a great week in His Word!

VBS in the Park: The Outreach Committee is trying a new project this year. Since we were unable to use the church and school for VBS because of the building project, the Outreach Committee tried to think of alternatives to this program so vital to our outreach efforts. One result was the use of ILC for our two full weeks. But then the idea came up: Why not take VBS to where the children live? So we are trying to do that. Riverview Park, just north of the North Crossing and right before you go over the river traveling west, was one of the few available.

We have three children signed up so far, but we are trying to reach others in the next few days. (Can you help by sending out flyers in the neighborhood?) We have some staff. Are you interested in helping? Please speak to one of the pastors.

Date: Saturday August 14th

Time: 9am – 11:30am

The annual (private) Garage Sale, August 12-14 will be held at Darin and Kathy Oster's - 1616 South St. Eau Claire, and will benefit the Messiah Building Fund, the ILC Student Aid Fund, and the family of infant Lila Schaller. Drop-off times will be August 10 from 4-8 and August 11 from 8-1. Contact Lori Mueller at 715-563-4526.

In need of housing: A CLC family is hoping to move to town and needs a modest house both in size and price. If you know of something that might work, please speak to Pastor Tiefel 715-829-2000.

Welcome and Good Bye: Today is our annual church picnic. It used to be a tradition to welcome new members and let them be the guests of honor at our pot-luck. While we regrettably have not always been faithful in doing this, we like to start up again this year.

A warm welcome to:

Jason Ciokiewicz	Caleb Gantt
Todd and Stephanie Lundquist and children	Dwight Gantt
Elijah Freberg, Connor, Molly	Caleb Heinze
Erin Franson	Nathan Rodebaugh
Rose Schierenbeck	Nathan and Jessica Buck

And we would like to acknowledge with thanksgiving the following members who have transferred to sister congregations. We appreciated your fellowship and your use of God's gifts to you for the benefit of our Kingdom work at Messiah.

Goodbye and may God continue to bless you:

Ethan Gurgel	John and Carrie Reim
Caleb Noeldner	Katherine Reim
Jesse Noeldner	Claire Naumann
Jean Libby	Drew Naumann
Jason and Amanda Bailey and children	Kathleen Naumann
Emma, Ethan, Joseph, Leah	Paul III and Emily Tiefel and children
Megan Capaul	Adelyn, Elaine, Jacqueline, Virginia
Kevin Schrader	Emily Zimmerman
Rhiannon Roehl	Kevin and Sandy Hulke
Abigail Naumann	

In case you missed it:

- Man Up Retreat, Sept. 30 – Oct 3rd, Wyalusing State Park
- Motorcycle ride, August 21st

For more details see the bulletin of July 24-25.

Messiah "2nd Family" program for new ILC students:

Each year, a number of new students arrive at Immanuel Lutheran High School to live away from home for the first time. Messiah is once again organizing a way for these young people to experience a little "home away from home." Messiah families can sign up to sponsor a student or students. On Sunday, September 12, the Messiah families will meet the students by taking them home for Sunday lunch, following the worship service. We anticipate that our sponsor families will take an active interest in their "adopted" students' ILC activities in sports, drama, music, etc. Please sign up on the sheet on our kiosk in the narthex, or email Pastor Naumann at brucenaumann@gmail.com.





United in marriage under Christ: We offer our prayers for Kendra Naumann and Nathan Rodebaugh who were married on Saturday August 8th in a Christian service conducted by Pastor Schaller at Messiah. The couple will be staying in the Eau Claire area while Kendra is finishing her last year in the teaching program at ILC. Their address will be:
3157 Hidden Place #1, Eau Claire 54701

*Lord, when You came as welcome guest To Cana's wedding feast,
The bridal pair, divinely blest, Found all their joy increased.
Now give Your presence from above That these, by vowing true,
May show their pledge is like the love Between the Church and You. Amen.*
W.S. 791:1

Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend
God's Word Serving Us:

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Sunday Evening Bible Class – Gospel of Matthew, Lesson 6

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 8/14 6:30 pm: Usher Team 5		Sunday 8/15 9:00 am: Usher Team 6	
Mike Markus	Mark Franson	Darin Oster	Ben Oster
Jim Sydow	Ben Thurow	Tim Oster	Jeremy Plath
Jim Lau	Andy Buck	Isaiah Plath	Gabe Plath
Mark Kranz		Andrew Plath	

Counters for the week following 8/15 – G
Mike Buck, Darin Oster, Jamie Quam

Thank you!

Immanuel Athletic Boosters -- Your chance to help! The IAB organization has been given the opportunity to fill positions for credential checking for the Blue Ox Music Festival in Eau Claire on Aug. 19-21. The money earned goes to the Immanuel Athletic Boosters which has provided over \$80,000 to support Immanuel High School athletics over the past 15 years. The Blue Ox Festival is a low key bluegrass, folk, Americana music event held just outside of Eau Claire on Crescent Avenue. Duties involve ensuring entering patrons have the proper event wristbands or credentials, and any items they bring into the grounds meet event criteria. These are passive compliance checks. Any concerns by patrons are handled by full-time employees of Blue Ox who are always on site and nearby. There are two shifts each day and you can choose to work one or both shifts on any or all of the days. If you work any one shift, you are allowed to stay on the grounds without charge for the entire day to enjoy the event. If interested please contact Heather Schierenbeck at hschierenbeck@hotmail.com or Tom Beekman at 715-491-2025 with questions.

Continuing Under God's Grace

A Reflection on the Past 60 Years

VII. Messiah School – Simple Truth, Simple Faith, Simple Start

As I write this, I have open a report to the Messiah voters for the July 2021 Quarterly Meeting. Specifically, it is the report of the "Technology Committee." It reports of new "belt-clip microphones," "smart boards and projectors for classrooms," and "wall-mount camera upgrades." My, how far we've come since we met in a basement with a freezer for an altar!

In his tender farewell to pastor Timothy, the Apostle Paul writes, "I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and our mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" (I Tim. 1:5). He understood how important the relationship is between Christian Education and parenting. That is good to think about in our day of sophisticated educational programs, and the use of amazing technology in modern schools—Messiah Lutheran School, no less than others.

As the early Messiah congregation grew, there was a strong desire to start a grade school for her numerous children. The relocation of Immanuel Lutheran College to Eau Claire seems to have been a catalyst for action. In January 1963, the CLC elected to buy the Ingram Estate for ILC. Not only would that draw a number of high school and college students to the area, but it would bring in several professors with their families. In July of that year, Messiah voted to open the doors of a Christian Day School; in the same meeting, Miss Shirley Wendland was called as the sole teacher. In September, school opened with 24 students.

To say "opened its doors" is mostly a figure of speech. The congregation barely had doors to open; the new sanctuary had just been dedicated in the summer of '62. For the first year, the "school" was set up every week in the back of the sanctuary and subsequently restored to church form for the weekend. In a recent interview, Miss Wendland recalls having no real blackboards, only a painted surface on a portable classroom divider. There was no copy machine; she had to hand copy textbook exercises onto that improvised blackboard. With students spread across eight grades, she recalls teaching some 23 classes per day.

And yet, the Lord provided, and provided in such a way that the educating got done and was done well. He provided the facilities, modest as they were; He provided the students, ready to learn of God's world and God's love; He provided a dedicated, resourceful, and godly faculty; He provided a congregation committed to the purpose of Christian Education and parents who lent a hand every step of the way—for instance, parents who helped with the never-ending task of grading papers, encouraged the called servants (pastors and teacher), and led their children to the undershepherds who, in turn, instructed them in the Good Shepherd's Word.

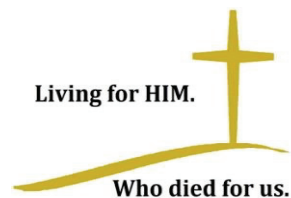
All was not book learning and classroom drudgery; Miss Wendland recalls numerous field trips: Sterling Pulp and Paper, Uniroyal, maple sap tapping and boiling, visiting a Millston cranberry bog. Perhaps ILC's second-hand church bus was used for some of those trips, as it was used daily as a school bus, driven by ILC pros, to collect Messiah School children that were scattered around the Eau Claire area (a recollection from Prof. Paul and Anne Koch).

It all sounds exhausting, this simple, sparse start of the school, but no doubt it was a labor of love, love inspired by Word-of-God-bound faith, faith that God is clear about what He wills for us, and clear that He will equip those whom He chooses to carry out what He wills to be done. That Messiah Lutheran School has continued these many years, and grown to what it is now, is an extraordinary work of His grace.

Education in our day can be complicated and sophisticated, and there are reasons why it must be if it is going to be relevant for our day. It is truly exciting to see the growth of our school building, the fine technology, and the many new, young faces who fill those classrooms as the new year begins. But let us remember that what is central and key to preparing our children for the world they will face is that we pass on "the genuine faith" of the generations of Christians in whose steps we follow.

*Shepherd of tender youth
Guiding in love and truth
Thro' devious ways
Christ, our triumphant King
We come Thy name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Thy praise. (TLH 628:1)*

Messiah Stewardship Committee
September 2021



Pictorial Directory – A number of members were unable to make the first session of picture taking for the new church directory. The company has offered a make-up date of September 13th, here at Messiah. But we need to have 20+ sign-ups for them to return. So far we have 5. We would like to include a picture of all of our members. A reminder that there is no obligation to purchase anything and there is no drawn out sales pitch. It is easy to say "no" to spending any money. Yet it would be great to have a directory that pictures all of our members. Call the church office 715-834-2865 or speak to one of the pastors to sign-up.

Address Change: Sharon Bentley, 1202 10th St, Altoona, WI 54720

Building Project Update

Member Help Needed: The Phase 1 portion of the Messiah Building Project is pushing rapidly to conclusion. Phase 1 opens sufficient portions of the existing school to allow school to start on September 7th. Part of Phase 1 requires that we re-install student lockers in the hallways. Almost all the lockers had to be removed from the building and stored outside to facilitate construction activities for Phase 1.

The Messiah Building Committee is scheduling a moving event on Saturday, August 14 at 10 AM to move the necessary lockers back into the school. The lockers come in combined units of 3-4 single lockers and require some muscling to get them loaded onto floor dollies, over thresholds, through doors, and then unloaded into place. We had 30 Immanuel High School students help us remove the lockers and they did a great job. It would be desirable to have at least 10-12 storm arm and strong back individuals to help with the reinstall effort.

If you are available to help, please contact Tom Beekman at either thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com or 715-491-2025. Or just show up on Saturday August 14 at 10 AM to help out. Thank you!!!

Rapid Progress on Phase 1:

This past week saw sheetrock, taping, and texturing completed in all of the rooms and hallways needed for Phase 1 opening. Member volunteers came in on Friday August 6 and Saturday August 7 to paint all those areas and provide substantial project cost savings from those efforts. This week member volunteers will be putting ceramic tile on the new restroom walls, ceiling grid and tile in one of the classrooms in the old sanctuary, and insulation above the ceiling in the old sanctuary and portions of the new hallway. Additional significant project savings are occurring from these member volunteer efforts. A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO THESE EFFORTS!

The Phase 1 floor areas not already tiled or carpeted will be ready for epoxy coating the following week. The epoxy floor requires several days to set before desks and other classroom furniture can be brought and should start on Monday August 15th.

Stay tuned to your bulletin and the weekly pastoral email for when that classroom moving event will occur and we start unpacking the boxes we spent many days packing this past spring.

The site work contractor is back putting in storm sewer hook ups to the new addition and preparing for installation of sidewalks, curb and gutter, and blacktop paving of the site. All of that work is scheduled to be completed before Labor Day and the start of school.

In the hospital: <> **Marge Eckel** is recovering from her hip and wrist surgery at Prairie Point care facility in Altoona. • **Prof. Joe Lau** had successful hip replacement surgery. He is recovering at home. • **Anita Matysik** is beginning chemotherapy next week. • **Darin Lau** suffered a broken elbow when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle and has returned home from the hospital.

Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (Prairie Point), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ July 31-August 1, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 75 – Sun. 211) 286 Weekend Online: 159
 Communion: (Sat. 65 – Sun. 132) 197
 Sunday Evening Bible Class: 18
 Dove West: 6 Heritage Court: 18 Dove South: 4
 Heritage Assisted: 5 Lake Hallie: 17 Our House: 13

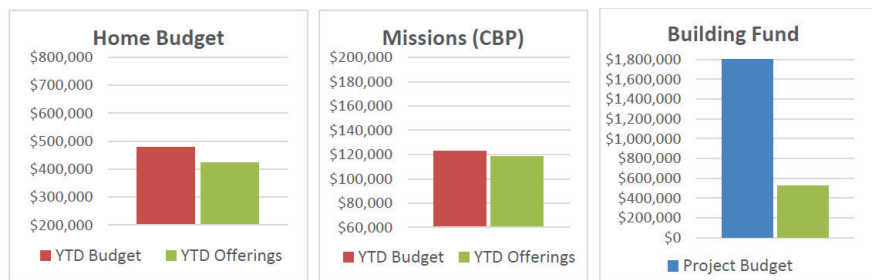
Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$478,769.00	\$123,077.00
YTD Offerings	\$423,342.66	\$118,598.50
Weekly Need	\$17,733.00	\$4,070.00
Last Week (8/1)	\$13,121.79	\$3,737.50
Prior Week (7/25)	\$13,183.85	\$3,084.75
Amount Still Needed	\$354,657.34	\$81,401.50

Building Fund	
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget
\$526,440.65	Received to Date
\$1,440.00	Last Week (8/1)
\$725.00	Prior Week (7/25)

Given in memory of...
 Micah Gurge

50.00 Messiah Building Fund (7/25)



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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 9-14, '21

Mon Exodus 16:2-15 It's depressing: God's people not only accused Him of starving them, they went so far as to wish God had not spared them on Passover night (3). Moses&Aaron took it on the chin, while God took it on His heart (2-5). His test: "Follow My directions religiously to receive the exact amount of nutrition you need—as proof that I AM your considerate, loving, good-hearted God—more than you deserve." Praise the LORD!

Tues John 6:24-35 In cosmopolitan Capernaum Jesus handled similar people, Jews secularized by societal pressures and programmed to do it their way, not God's. They expected to please God via good behavior, whereas Jesus took it out of their hands entirely. "God **gives** you the true bread . . . and **gives** life to the world." [Note: Verse 35 is crucial to understanding vv. 51-56.]

Wed Ephesians 4:17-24 The *OLD MAN* = our human nature, spiritually hard-hearted, ignorant, past feeling guilty, devoted to lust, filthy habits, and growing ever more corrupt in thought, word, and deed. Our *old man* stinks, and everything he touches stinks. So how can we survive? By *learning Christ*, by hearing and heeding Him, by stripping our *old man* naked—and then dressing ourselves in the outfit God has designed for us: the righteousness and true holiness of Jesus. Don't throw dirt on Jesus or His righteousness!!

Thurs Psalm 145 No dirt throwing here, but clean praise and pure adoration flowing from the converted heart (new man), extolling God's greatness, His wondrous works, awesome acts, and His righteousness (8-9, 14-17). Where do we mortals come into the picture? In the closing four stanzas, where we call upon Him for help as we revere and love Him. Indeed, we should revere, love, and trust in God above all else—first, last, and always. Amen!

Fri Ephesians 4:25-29 These verses may seem like over-kill, but from time to time we too need admonition to avoid cheating on others by lying/deceit (25) or harboring a grudge (26), for Satan is the father of such sinful urges (27). We are stealing from our employer when we slack off at work (28). Dirty language has gone viral; God has better use for our mouth/voice (29).

Sat Genesis 12:10-20 Abram's *new man* took a back seat to his *old man* in that he failed to trust God's protection during a famine in Canaan. He did not have God's permission to leave Canaan behind, but he went anyhow. That was a bad step which in turn led to other bad steps (11-13). How did God put a stop to the charade? To our surprise, He did so not by correcting Abram with His own voice from heaven, but by using a heathen to scold him in an earthly palace. That was enough to shame Abram for cheating on God, on his wife, and on his neighbor. Lord, have mercy on us for our foolishness!