



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

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*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people  
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

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## ***Welcome to Concordia***

*A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation*

*The back pews are reserved for families with small children.*

*A nursery is available in our multipurpose room  
on the side of the narthex.*

*Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.*

**LWML SUNDAY 2020**

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

Hymn: *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*

LSB 901

**Confession of Sin & Forgiveness** (*adapted from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Two*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for steadfast love endures forever! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Response of Praise: “Glory Be to God the Father”**

LSB 506

### Greeting & Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

P: <sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry! This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80:7-19

P: <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C: <sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

P: <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**C: <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

P: <sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

**C: <sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

P: <sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

**C: <sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

P: <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

**C: <sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

P: <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

**C: <sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

P: <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## New Testament

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

P: <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be

found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia Verse**

P: Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: Jesus said, <sup>33</sup>“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

#### **Hymn: “Praise, Love, Serve”**

*(Based on LWML Pledge; Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer; Tune: LSB 361)*

1. Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,  
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.  
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.  
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.

2. In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.  
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.  
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;  
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.
3. Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.  
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.  
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin  
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

**Sermon (Seminarian Paul Rempfer)**

## **LWML Pledge**

**ALL: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.**

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## **Prayers of the Church**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world, and to support global missions through the gathering of mites and providing of mission grants, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For...let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn: "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: LSB 662)

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| 1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"<br>It is He alone<br>Who redeemed us sinners,<br>Guides us as His own<br>To enjoy the blessings<br>Of His love and grace,<br>Will at last in glory<br>Meet us face to face.<br>Onward, then, for Jesus!<br>Let this be our aim:<br>"Serve the Lord with gladness!"<br>Glorify His name. | Leading them to Jesus,<br>We can serve Him best.<br>Onward, then, for Jesus!<br>Let this be our aim:<br>"Serve the Lord with gladness!"<br>Glorify His name!   |
| 2. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"<br>He gave us command<br>To proclaim His Gospel<br>Now in every land<br>So that fellow sinners<br>May, like us, be blest.   | 3. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"<br>There's no greater joy<br>Than to serve the Master,<br>Work in His employ.<br>As we build His kingdom<br>Angels, too, rejoice<br>Over every sinner<br>Brought to hear His voice.<br>Onward, then, for Jesus!<br>Let this be our aim:<br>"Serve the Lord with gladness!"<br>Glorify His name! |

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## Participants in Sunday's Service

Guest Speaker:	Seminarian Paul Rempfer
Greeters:	Clifford and Kathy Stueve
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Madelyn Head
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Jason Klaus, Jerry Schroeter, Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Jenny France

## This Week's Schedule

Mon., Oct. 5	6:30 p.m.	Small-Group Bible Study for Parents with Young Children (Frohna Park Shelter)
Wed., Oct. 7	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Zechariah)
	7 p.m.	Bible Study (Zechariah)
Thurs., Oct. 8	7 p.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting
Fri., Oct. 9	11 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion <i>Deadline for Cookies, Snacks, &amp; Popcorn Orders for Washington, DC Trip Fundraiser</i>
Sun., Oct. 11	8 a.m.	Bible Class – “Stewardship Basics”
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>UCLS PTL Fundraiser-Pork Burger Plate Lunch (Pick-Up at East Perry Community Fairgrounds)</i>

## Announcements

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 108, one year ago – 193; Adult Bible Class – (No Bible Class), one year ago – 32

**Today is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday.** The LWML is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, the members of the LWML are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and for the bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As members of God's kingdom, they strive to bear good fruit.

**In observance of LWML Sunday,** the Concordia Society is sitting scattered around in the sanctuary, sporting their purple. You have a chance to contribute to the society's many worthy projects by placing an offering in the special baskets at the door. As a thank you, our members will be offering a special goodie bag to everyone in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, fourth-year seminarian Paul Rempfer, and Rev. Paul Hoemann, for honoring our LWML with the special service. The quilts you see in the sanctuary and narthex are quilts that were made this past year by LWML members and guests to be shared either locally or around the world for Lutheran World Relief projects. Also, various LWML banners are on display, and are ones made by our society members and used at conventions in the past. Handouts explaining our LWML projects and mite boxes are also available in the narthex. A large wooden mite box is available for mite donations to be used toward mission grants sponsored by our Missouri District and National LWML. We invite every family member to take one, and become familiar with what we are doing as LWMLers here at

Concordia. And, we always welcome guests, and especially new members, to be part of our society.

**A warm welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> year seminarian Paul Rempfer**, who is our guest preacher for today, at the invitation of the Concordia LWML. Seminarian Rempfer is in his final year of study at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Concordia LWML adopted Paul partly because he has ties locally. He is the son of Rev. David and Rhoda (Theiss) Rempfer. His uncle, Rev. Steven Theiss and David Theiss, are from Farrar, and his aunt, Selma (Theiss) Thole, is from Perryville. His grandparents are the late Rev. Louis and Marie Anna Theiss. That makes him “shirt-tail” cousins with many in our congregation. Paul completed his year of vicarage last year at Christ the King Lutheran Church at the Lake of the Ozarks. Today, we welcome him and his wife, Rachel, to Concordia.

**Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your thoughts, prayers, and by your visits** – Rudy Dreyer, Dorene Grebing, Carl Jenny, Flora Kassel, Marie Katt, Arnold Lorenz, Tillie Luckey, Flora Oberndorfer, Judy Sears, and Vernon and Betty Steffens.

**Floral offerings for today’s service** are placed in the sanctuary by the LWML. We praise our Lord for blessings bestowed to the Concordia Lutheran Women’s Missionary League since its organization in 1945.

**Stewardship thought for the week:** Jesus says in Matthew 21:43, **“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”** The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

**Order in the Order:** Featured today is the **NEW TESTAMENT** reading, also known as the **EPISTLE**. These readings from the NT apostolic letters help us to understand how the first Christians interpreted and applied to themselves the life, death and resurrection message of Jesus Christ, under the Spirit’s inspiration. From them, we receive instruction in applying the Gospel to our Christian life.

**“Portals of Prayer”** (October-December) are still available today on the north buffet.

**Thrivent shirts available** – Help yourself to Thrivent shirts that are available in the various sizes in the multi-purpose room today.

**A newsletter from Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte**, serving the Congo Republic, Africa, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

**A newsletter from Erin Mackenzie**, serving the Dominican Republic, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

**The Concordia Wednesday Bible study group meets each week at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.** We are about to wind up the prophet Zechariah, but we will be starting another study soon after.

**A new small-group Bible study for parents with young children** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month under the Frohna Park shelter (next meeting tomorrow, October 5). Led by Whitney and Garrett Hemman, the group is focusing on God’s wisdom in the book of Proverbs. If you and your spouse are interested in participating, contact Whitney at 768-4344.

**Concordia Voters** will meet on Sunday, October 18, after worship. **Concordia's Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m.

**“Bring the best of the first fruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.” Exodus 23:19** Good news...there are more ways to support God's mission at Concordia than just writing a check or giving online! As the fall harvest time approaches, farmers can give a portion of their harvest payment, or dairymen can give a portion of their dairy sales to the Lord. Those raising livestock can donate a portion of the proceeds from their animal's sale to the work of the Lord. If you've recently replaced old equipment, you can donate the proceeds of its sale. Anyone can give a portion of their land or other real estate. The advantages of giving like this is that you can realize significant tax savings. These forms of giving to Concordia allow individuals to take advantage of charitable deductions, avoid potential capital gains taxes, and even establish a retirement income stream with a gift of property. For more information about these opportunities, please contact Carol Grebing-Duggan at 824-6060.

**Did you know...**if you are 70½ years old, or older, and have an IRA, you can instruct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to Concordia Lutheran Church. This distribution is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It counts toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) and is excluded from your income for tax purposes. If you have questions, or want to know more, please contact Carol Duggan at 824-6060.

**The Altenburg Zone LWML Fall Rally** will be next Sunday, October 11, with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m., and the rally beginning at 1 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran School, Altenburg. The theme will be “Faith Vision 2020”. The Speaker will be Andy Bates from KFUE Radio in St. Louis. (This will be via Zoom or Skype). The offering will be for sponsoring a day at KFUE. The ingathering will be for mites.

#### **United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes**

**The 5th-8th grade students at UCLS are hosting a fundraiser.** They are selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookies, snacks, and popcorn as a fundraiser for the Washington, DC Trip. Please talk to a UCLS 5th-8th grader to place an order by this Friday, October 9. Orders will be delivered by the end of October. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

**UCLS PTL Fundraiser:** Let us make your lunch next Sunday, October 11, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (or until sold out). The plate lunch will consist of a pork burger, mustard potato salad, and slaw for \$6. Additional pork burgers will be available for \$3 each. All food will be made in advance, and available for pick-up only, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds, under the pavilion. We hope to see you there. As always, thank you for supporting UCLS!

#### **Saxon Lutheran Memorial (SLM) Notes**

**The Fall Festival at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial**, which was scheduled for this Saturday, October 10, **has been cancelled.** Your continued support of this historic site is appreciated.

#### **Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum Notes**

**The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum is welcoming all to their latest special exhibit.** The exhibit is a collection of 18 autumn-themed quilts from the Paducah Quilt Museum. The quilts will be on display until November 1. The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum is open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with free admission.

## Neighboring Church & Community Notes

**Mark Your Calendars** – Salem Men’s Club, Farrar, will again sponsor the annual **Turkey Supper**. This year will be “Drive-Thru, Carry-Out!” The supper will be Sunday, November 8, from 1-6:30 p.m. at Salem Lutheran School, Farrar.

## KFUO Notes

**This week on KFUE.org**, near the end of 1 Samuel on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Continue studying Proverbs on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and consider a curious theological question or two with Pastor Bramwell on *Cross Defense* tomorrow, October 5, at 2 p.m. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

## “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life

**“Whenever I read Scripture that talks about how much God loves each of us**, that he has created us, and that he wants us to share his love, I am always struck by the lack of qualifiers. I do not see where God makes distinctions about who he loves and calls into his family. He loves and calls all—each and every one of us.” *Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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## Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 19)

### Hymn of the Week

**LSB 594**

### **“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

God’s own child, I gladly say it:

I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it,

Gave my full redemption price.

Do I need earth’s treasures many?

I have one worth more than any

That brought me salvation free

Lasting to eternity!

### Bible Stories

10/05-- M: Genesis 24:29-67

10/06 -- Tu: Genesis 25:19-34

10/07 -- W: Genesis 27:1-29

10/08 -- Th: Genesis 27:30-45

10/09 -- F: Genesis 27:46-28:22

### Bible Verse

*<sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

### Catechism

The Seventh Commandment and Meaning – “You shall not steal. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.”