

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ
River Falls, Wisconsin
October 4, 2026**



Basilique Sainte Marie-Madeleine de Vezelay, France, circa 1130 CE

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN**

*World Communion Sunday
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 4, 2026

10:00 am

Gathering

“What is truth?” said by Pilate in John 18:38

“The truth shall set you free” said by Jesus in John 8:32

Welcome to our guests who are visiting with us today!

- Activity bags are available for children.
- Large print bulletins are available.
- Visitors please stop at the welcome booth.
- Please stand when noted by the *
- Congregation responses are in bold.
- Please note our worship service is livestreamed.

**Our Mission is to Love God and
Serve People.**

**Everyone is Welcome Because
Everyone Matters.**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to this place,

P: In the name of the God who creates life,

L: In the name of the Savior who loves life,

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit who is the fire of life!

L: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.

P: Let us come asking God to lead and guide us.

All: Come let us worship the God who leads us into life!

***HYMN**

***We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light**
(Verses 1, 2 and 3)*

Blue #76

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Mercy, we confess that we often falter in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make an attempt to understand. Too often fear and anger surround us and trap us. Forgive us and slow us down. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Remind us of our call to be strong voices that reflect your hope and your courage for this world you love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Let us believe and live the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

L: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

P: And also with you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet one another with signs of peace)

*GLORIA

Come, All You People

*Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High,
Come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,
Come now and worship the Lord.*

Hearing the Word

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

PSALM 19:1-10, 14 (Cantor will introduce; congregation, please join on refrain)

R

Lord, to - day we have seen your glo - ry, dawn fol - lows the night.

We, your peo - ple who walked in dark - ness now have seen a great light.

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

P: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

P: **In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

L: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

- P: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**
- L: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- P: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- L: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. R**

Celebrating the Meal

All Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. The bread is gluten-free. The cup is alcohol-free.
Those choosing not to commune may receive a blessing from the servers.

The Invitation to the Meal

- L: From the North and the South, the East and the West,**
- P: Come let us eat at Christ's table.**
- L: From Europe and Africa, Asia to South America, from around the corner to around the world.**
- P: Come let us drink at Christ's table.**
- L: Young and old, and every age in between; the faithful and the struggling, the rich and the poor.**
- All: Come let us gather at Christ's table as one people.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- L: The Lord be with you.**
- P: And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.**
- P: We lift them up to the Lord.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**
- P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- L: It is right and good always and everywhere to give thanks...**

The Words of Institution

- L: We praise your name as we proclaim the mystery of faith...**
- All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

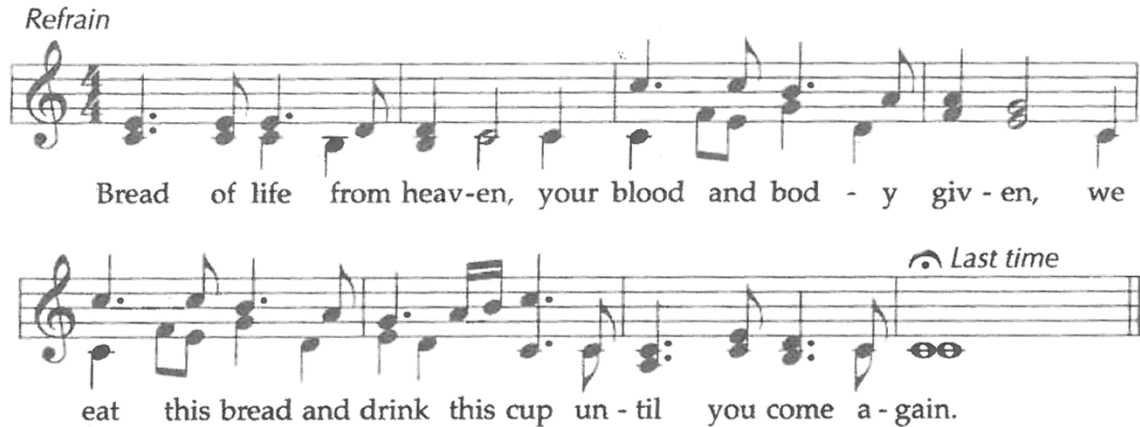
Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Hymns during the distribution of the elements:

Bread of Life from Heaven

Congregation join on refrain:



When the Poor Ones

Blue #624

One Bread, One Body

Blue #689

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Chris Myers

SONG (Children preschool through grade 8 leave for Sunday School.)

***Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1-15

SERMON

Rev. Chris Myers

***HYMN**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

(Choir sings first, then all sing)



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***STATEMENT OF FAITH - South Africa**

- L: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;
- P: This is true: “for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die but have everlasting life.”**
- L: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;
- P: This is true: “I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”**
- L: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;
- P: This is true: “for to us a child is born, to us a son is given in whom authority will rest and whose name will be Prince of Peace.”**
- L: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;
- P: This is true: “to me is given all authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always to the end of the world.”**
- L: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

P: This is true: “I will pour out my spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk shall dream dreams.”

L: It is not true that our dreams for the liberations of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and this history;

P: This is true: “The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.”

All: This is the faith we confess. This is the faith we believe. This is the faith that will set us free to follow in the steps of Jesus. Amen.

THE PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Lord in your mercy... Hear our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GATHERING OUR GIFTS – Chancel Choir

Time for Turning

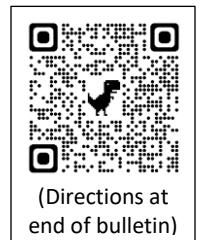
arr. Craig Courtney

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, all that we have is a gift from you. Receive these offerings and use them to bear good fruit: to care for our neighbors, bring justice for our community, and provide hope for those who need it. May our lives reflect your love. Amen.



Sending

***HYMN**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Blue #698

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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Trustee: Tim Mills
Welcomers: WISE Team
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Treasurer's Report

	<u>Sept 27, 2026</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Income*	\$ 1,783	\$ 420,262
General Fund Operational Needs	\$ 11,308	\$ 441,012

A full accounting of all income and expenses is available in the church office.

*Includes annual and monthly gifts.



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Learning Community National Parks Tuesday, October 13 • 6:30–8:00 pm Learn how to plan a trip, what to see and do; if you've already visited, share your tips. First Congregational Church 110 North Third Street • River Falls, WI 54022 www.firstchurchrf.org		

Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Those who are ill or recovering:

Eric (friend of Liz Swank), Steve and Janice Withers (father and mother of Erik Withers), Sam Morrisette, Nathaniel (friend of the Kruegers), Bruce (father of Melissa Oscanyan), Ryan Cottrell (friend of the Koechers), Diana (friend of Janice Healy), Greg (friend of Ron Ruhnke), Nolan, Kelly (sister-in-law of Cindy Gandrud), Jill (daughter of JoAnn Mathews), Dave Woeste, Joan Hyland, Samantha Church (granddaughter of Duane Church), Bernie (brother of Becky Pajac)

Prayers for the ministry of our congregation:

- As the program year begins, we pray for our church leaders, Moderator Marie Roe and Vice Moderator, Louie Filkins, for our Church Council and all new committee members, may we better live into our mission statement to love God and serve others, everybody is welcome because everybody matters
- For those learning about the April 2027 Mission Trip to UCC-related Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS this Sunday after worship, may it nurture faith and help heal those struggling along the Gulf Coast
- For those who will receive College Packs this fall, may they bring God's love close to them
- For the return of Wednesday Night Family Meals (yay!) may we all be fed
- For the Side by Side choir which began practicing in our Fellowship Hall recently connecting community members and those with dementia through the gift of music and song, may their joy grow

Prayers for our World:

- For those struggling to afford basic necessities - food, rent, childcare, healthcare - that God would provide for them through caring communities, compassionate assistance, meaningful work, and generous hearts
- For those in our armed forces and their families, may we support them and may God watch over them
- For farmers, especially small family farms, struggling to stay viable with so many economic challenges
- For stability and peace in Sudan, Iran, Gaza and Ukraine
- For our Among Friends program as they seek more board members (see Norma Revels or Marshall Skule for details), and may their program continue to grow and provide support to families with dementia

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For Alyssa Larsen (daughter of Joel and Tanya) and Jaron Duitsman to be married on October 31 in Maiden Rock, WI with pastor Chris officiating (yes, they are getting married on Halloween!)
- For Matt Danielson (son of Mike and Susie) who married Brad Devore on September 12, may their future be bright and joyful
- For Hallah Jensen (daughter of Michelle & Neal) and Andrew Cariveau, and Glory Etzel and Nathan Lawrence (son of Linn and Tim Lawrence) who were recently married, may they continue to grow in love
- For the 139,968 meals packed at the Feed My Starving Children event held here in River Falls recently, may it bring life and hope to those who receive this food and to us
- For Darlene Sumption & Lyle Wood who both celebrated their 100th birthdays recently, you are inspirations!
- As the mowing season slowly comes to an end, we thank this year's church Mowing Team (Mark and Laura Anderson, Roger Kapping, Lee Lueck and Randy Welsh) for all their hard and hot work this past summer!
- For our Garden Geeks who tend our church garden and keep everything looking great, God bless you all!
- For those who gave blood at our last blood drive on September 28th, may it bring life

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- For Connie Pajac (sister of Jeff Pajac) who died this past week, may she join the saints in light
- For those who are welcomed home to the church Memorial Garden, Kate Wolfe on September 16 and Glenn Hansen on October 17, may their memory continue to inspire us
- For the families of Jeff Healy (brother of Steve Healy), Terry Mills (father of Tim Mills), Galen Matzek (brother of Sue Danielson), Kathy Deiss (aunt of Ann Nelson), Robert (Bob) Peterson (brother of Larry Peterson), may they be remembered with thanksgiving

If you have people you wish to include on our prayer list, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Loving God

New to Church: Are you a first-time visitor? Please stop at the welcome table in the gathering area to receive a special welcome gift from us!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Please join us on Sunday mornings to discuss the Bible passages used in worship. The group meets from **9:00–9:50** in the Youth Room. For more information, contact Pastor Stacy.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study: The group is discussing Revelation. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$20. The group meets in the library on **Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30 pm**. If you have questions, contact Pastor Stacy.

Wednesday School Volunteers Needed: Wednesday School begins on **October 7**. We need volunteers to provide snacks on a rotating basis. Please sign the list on the sign-up table or volunteer on the website.

Loving Neighbor

Back Bay Mission Trip Planned for April 2027: Ever wanted to go on a mission trip? Heard about the awesome experiences so many of our church folks have had at UCC related Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi? Join us! Our church is sponsoring yet another trip to Back Bay Mission, **April 18-24, 2027**. **An information meeting will be held TODAY following worship.** Please contact Carol Merriman or Pastor Chris for details. Use the sign-up sheet to register your interest.

Basics for Local Kids (BLK): BLK is a non-profit organization that provides winter-wear to local kids in need from infant to 18 years old. Please consider making a donation of gently used or new coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, or socks. Donations can be placed in the bin. Beginning in October volunteers are needed to help families shop or to sort & restock items. To volunteer go to www.BasicsforLocalKids.org or call Kim Johnson at 715-821-1623. Thank you for your generous, continuing support. Other questions contact Renee Whipple 715-307-5074.

Journey House: (Ecumenical young adult outreach) If you're interested in contributing, here are some ideas: **A Welcome to School Care Kit & Goody Bag.** We are asking for a donation of \$25; **A suggested donation of \$30 to help sponsor our weekly gathering, Journey Nights; Amazon Wish List.** We created and plan on keeping up with an [Amazon Wish List](#).

Grace Place Donations: Needed items: New adult undergarments (underwear up to size XXL), new bras, new or like-new sweatpants up to size 4X, new or like-new T-shirts up to size 4X, new shoes (adult men and female), belts, adult socks, good buys.

Empty Pill Bottles (Prescription Only): The River Falls Lions Club is collecting empty pill bottles, only the clear prescription bottles that are filled by our pharmacists, to send to Africa where there is an urgent need. The bottles will be washed, and the labels soaked off before they are shipped. A tub is in the gathering area.

Among Friends Volunteers Needed: The program meets two days a week and has 12 active guests. Training is provided & the rewards are phenomenal! Contact them at amongfriendsrf@gmail.com

First Church Companions: Are you interested in being a companion to someone in our church connecting with them at least once a month with a call or visit? Or would you like to have someone for a companion. Please use the sign-up sheet to be a companion or request someone to visit you.

Among Friends is a community-based social respite program serving adults who have memory loss who reside in Pierce & St. Croix Counties. For more information, call (715) 293-2561. Check out the website: amongfriendsrf.com & Facebook. It is held at church **Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 3pm**.

Loving Self

Inquirer's Class: New to church? Want to know more about our life and ministry? Join us on **Tues, Oct 27 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. At this 90-minute gathering, you will meet church leaders, other new folks and learn more about First Congregational Church. Dessert and childcare are provided. Please sign up at church.

Men's Group: Our church men's group meets **every other Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 am** in the Youth Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts & lively conversation. Our next meetings are **Oct 13 & 27**.

Women's Group: Interested in fellowship & community with other women? You are invited to join the group at noon every 2nd & 4th Tuesday. Please bring a lunch. The next meetings will be **Oct 13 & 27**.

Merry Widows: They will meet on **Wed, Oct 21 at 1:00 pm at Juniors in River Falls**. All widows are welcome to join us for dinner and conversation! See Linda Morrow for more information.

Church Yoga: The church yoga group meets on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** in the church Fellowship Hall from **9:00-10:00 am** and via Zoom. Please contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.

Let's Knit/Craft Together: Join us on **Thursdays at 10:00 am. We meet at Sycamore on the first Thursday of each month & the Fellowship Hall the other Thursdays**. We have a great time sharing our projects & enjoying each other's company. For more info, contact Marie Roe at 715-781-2103 or firstroe@gmail.com

Game Day Sunday: Game Day is held on the third Sunday of the month. Our next date is **Oct 18 at 11:45 am**.

WISE Team: NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family Support Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm at 113 East Elm St. & Peer Support Group meets the same evenings at the church at 6:30 pm. For mental health issues, please call 988. For info, call Marg Downing at 715-307-5905.

Community Life

Wednesday Meals Resume on Oct 7: On Wednesday nights, we offer a home-cooked meal in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$9 per person with a family max of \$30. **Meals are served from 5:15 to 6:00 pm**. You can get your meal to go if you go through the line (indicate when you sign up). **Reservations must be placed by noon on Tuesdays**. You can make a reservation online, the sign-up table or by calling the church office. The menu for Oct 7 is: Taco bar.

Learning Community: Tues, Oct 13 at 6:30 pm: A Night in the National Parks! - Ever wanted to visit 3 of our most famous national parks: Tetons, Yellowstone & Glacier? Join Pastor Chris as he leads us on a tour of three of our nation's most outstanding national parks. He will talk about both the beauty & grandeur of the parks as well as practical logistical things - where to stay, what to do & most important, how far out to plan & book! Sign up & join us, dessert will be served.

Preschool Screening: The School District of River Falls is hosting a free preschool screening on **Fri, Oct 23**. This is designed for families who live within district boundaries & have concerns about some aspect of their 2-1/2 to 5 year old child's development. For more info, contact Ann Nelson at 715-425-1819 ext. 3101 or ann.nelson@rfsd.k12.wi.us.

Fall Clean-Up, Sat, Oct 24, 9:00 am: Please bring your gloves, rakes, blowers, pruning shears, etc. to help clean up the grounds at the church. Back-up date is Sat, Oct 31 Please sign up and join us!

Relax with Rose - Breathwork Techniques: Thurs, Oct 29, 6:30-7:45 pm - Learn and practice several different breathwork techniques. These quick techniques will help you step back and relax in a stressful moment or reduce your racing thoughts so you can fall asleep faster. For more info, contact Rose Rude at 715-781-7032 or rar651@gmail.com. Please sign up.

Giving Thanks Meal: The Annual Giving Thanks Meal will be **Sun, Nov 15**, after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 per meal. Join us for a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal as we kick off the season of giving thanks. Please include your pie choice of pumpkin or apple and let us know if you will bring a side dish. Sign up by Nov 11.

Side by Side Choir: For those living with memory or thinking changes, their care partners, family, friends & community volunteers who enjoy helping others. It is a welcoming choir where people gather at the church to connect & thrive by sharing music, joy & laughter! Join us **Mondays at 10:00 am** for our fall season. Rehearsals will conclude with a **concert on Sat, Dec 5 at 10:30 am**. To learn more or sign-up contact: Norma Revels at 651-416-9530 or sidebysidechoir@gmail.com

Name Tags: We encourage you to wear your name tags so that everyone can call you by name. It would also help the deacons when you take communion. If you do not have one, please let Missy in the church office know at missy@firstchurchrf.org. In appreciation, the Welcoming Committee.

Youth Events

College Pack Items Needed! One of the mission activities of the church youth program is to send College Packs to those off at school or the military. We ask each of our 6-12th grade families to bring items for the 30 college packs. Think necessary items, fun items & lightweight items! Food is always good. So are dorms decs. **Please bring them by Sun, Oct 11.**

Bibles for 6th Graders: The congregation will present Bibles to six grade students during worship on **Oct 11**.

Wednesday School: All children in kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to participate in Wednesday School. Elementary students in River Falls are picked up at the four elementary schools in town at the end of the school day and it concludes at 5:15. Registration and permission forms are available at church and online. **Wednesday School begins Oct 7.** Please contact Pastor Stacy with questions.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

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 amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Samuel 12:1-15

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, ‘There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.’ Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, ‘As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.’

Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.’ David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’ Nathan said to David, ‘Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die.’ Then Nathan went to his house.