



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—LWML Sunday

10:45 a.m. Sunday, October 4, 2020

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Henry Witte

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Bill Hanna Team

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Judy Seaman

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER The vineyard is frequently used in Scripture to denote a special place in God's creation. To have a vineyard and enjoy its fruit is a blessing. When the prophet Isaiah speaks of the goodness of the Lord, he says that God's favored people "shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit" (Isaiah 65:21). Vineyards were planted with a fruitful harvest in mind. We are the Lord's planting, and we eagerly await our harvest home.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard. Supply us with diligence for tasks in Your kingdom, always rejoicing with those to whom Your Spirit has come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 80:1, 14–15, 7*

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P: Turn again, O God of hosts!

C: Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Opening Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Channel 1: Every blessing You pour out I turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name.

Channel 1, Chorus, Chorus

You give and take away; You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, Lord Blessed be Your name. (repeat twice)

Chorus, chorus, chorus

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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7 (The vineyard of the Lord is judged.)

<p>¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He 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.</p> <p>³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What 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? ⁵And now I will tell</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>⁶I 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. ⁷For 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!</p>
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Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b–14

(Paul witnesses to the congregation at Philippi.)

^{4b} If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless.

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, 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

⁹and 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— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers, 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,

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46 (The parable of the tenants in the vineyard)

³³[Jesus said:] “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. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those

tenants?” ⁴¹They 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.”

⁴²Jesus 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’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Confession and Absolution

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

C: Amen.

The LWML Pledge

C: 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 for 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.

Children's Message with Judy Seaman

The Song of Instruction "Word of God Speak "

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
And the funny thing is, it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard,
But to hear what You say. (chorus)

(chorus)
Word of God, speak
Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see shout Your majesty,
To be still and know that You're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness?
Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You,
Beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need, is to be with You,
And in the quiet, I hear Your voice. (chorus)

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The Word "A Diamond in the Ruff" Philippians 3:8

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Proverbs 28:27—Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

Offertory "Make Me A Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the pray'r of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant.

Make me a servant today. (repeat)

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The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week that they remain faithful to your Word including: Lloyd Schweigert, Jacob Wagner, Tara Felix, Ron Will, Emerson Sulzbach, Jason Greene, Chris Roan, Lindsey Tymkowicz and Erin Strong. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “ Forever ”

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever
Sing Praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us – Forever,
Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever
By the grace of God, we will carry on, His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, Forever

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services:	Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday) Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.
Youth & Adult Bible Classes	9:30 a.m.
Pastor:	Rev. Kenneth Hsu
Christian Day School:	Preschool through Grade 5 (before and after school care)
Principal:	Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis
School Financial Consultant:	Mr. Lon Stuhr
Other Ministries for Children:	Vacation Bible School Sunday School
Other Ministries for Youth:	Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Juniors in Fellowship Confirmation Program
Other Ministries for Adults:	Young at Heart Club (Dinners on 3rd Sunday noon) Friends of Christ Fellowship Club Women's League, Women's Circles, Sewing Group Prayer Chain, Soup Kitchen Volunteer Church Library, Lamplighters Evangelism

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