



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

(6 p.m. Sat. Oct. 3, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Oct. 4, 2020)

Servants of God's House Today:

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

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat. Ruthie Witte; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Ushers: Tim Draube

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

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat. Marlis Hilden; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Don Olson

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.

DIVINE SERVICE ONE

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

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!

Confession and Absolution

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.

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

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!

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (Sung)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Sung*)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (*Sung*)

P: Let us pray.

C: **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. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1–7 (The vineyard of the Lord is judged.)

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.

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

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.

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!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

**C: He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

The Epistle 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse Matthew 21:42b

C: Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

(Please be seated)

Children's Message with Marlis Hilden

Hymn of the Day "Praise, Love, Serve"

Tune LSB 361

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.

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.

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
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Sermon "A Diamond in the Ruff" Philippians 3:8

The Nicene Creed

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith, we are emboldened to witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all nations of the earth, that there be times of peace; for our own nation that it would seek to bring that which is good and God-pleasing; and for our own communities and neighborhoods, 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 the needs that are specially known to us at this time, including health and family concerns, situations of disability or bereavement, and the changes that are part of human life, we also remember Dennis Hageman and his family in the loss of his son Robert VanLaningham. With assurance that our petitions are heard, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: With thanks to You for all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who serve to inspire us in our times, we bless You, abiding Lord. Confident that our prayers and petitions are heard and that all which is best for us is done according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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: Thank you for joining 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 Hymn "Lord of All Good"

LSB 786

(stand as you are able)

Offertory (Sung) *Psalm 116: 12-13, 17-19*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.** (*sung*)

The Closing Hymn "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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