## **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



#### **GENESIS 12:1-4 and MATTHEW 21:33-46**

### "ON THE CALL OF ABRAM AND THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED TENANTS"

When the Giver of life and Creator of the world comes, what will He say about our care for His vineyard? Let us sing and live to the glory of God!

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 4, 2020

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**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

#### **GATHER**

#### WELCOME

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

#### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

#### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

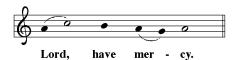
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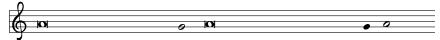






For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



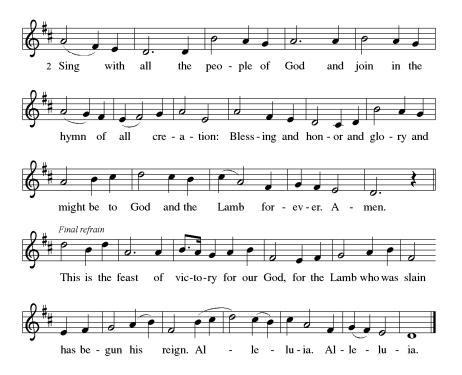




#### THIS IS THE FEAST

#### Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**GENESIS 12:1-4** 

The LORD, great I AM, calls Abram on the journey of faith. You are called today.

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you

#### all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

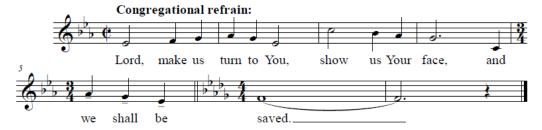
<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80

"Lord, Make Us Turn to You"

Marty Haugen



1. Shepherd of Israel, hearken from Your throne and shine forth, O rouse Your power, and come to save us.

#### Refrain:

2. We are Your chosen vine, only by Your care do we live, Reach out Your hand, O Lord, unto Your people.

#### Refrain:

3. If You will dwell with us, we shall live anew in Your love, O shine upon us great Lord of Life.

#### Refrain:

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#### SECOND LESSON

#### PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born 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>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 
<sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard 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 one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this 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 heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68



GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:33-46

Response after the announcement:

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

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"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. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <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 get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<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 amazing 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 that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**MESSAGE** 

"On the Call of Abram and the Parable of the Wicked Tenants"

On the Call of Abram

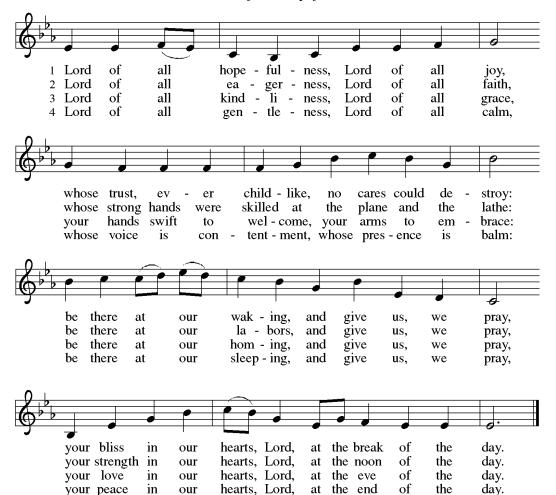
Blessed to be a Blessing

Parable of the Wicked Tenants

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: The LORD will judge and expects Israel and the Church to be fruitful. Yet I am not that fruitful and I can't be fruitful on my own!

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus is given that the vineyard and all who abide in Him may produce what is right now and forever.

*On Discipleship*: What is your call story that leads you to being here worshiping Christ and serving His will? Produce righteousness, by God's grace, doing the next right thing in my family, daily work, church, and community. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?



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#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

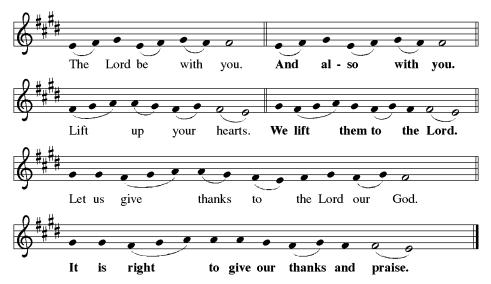
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### THE MEAL AND SENDING

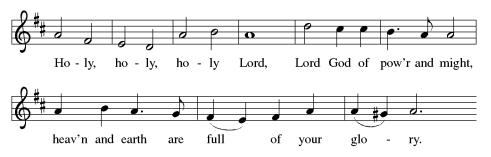
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

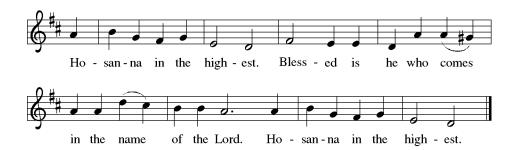
2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



#### PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9





#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

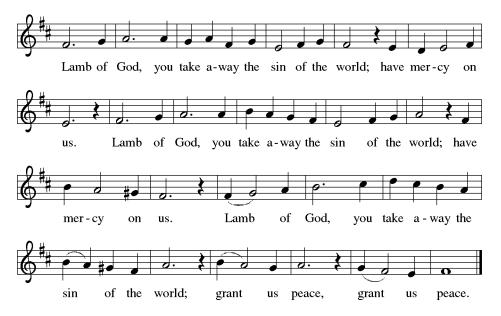
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Scott and Beth Swindler in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** In-person worship for the 10:30 service is being held at <u>limited capacity</u>. For those who are unable to attend due to personal circumstances or choose to refrain from gatherings, please pray on-line using one of the streaming options available: Facebook, YouTube or from the church website. As we continue in these days of the pandemic, changes to the service will be observed to do our best to be safe while gathering. <u>Please note that facemasks are required to be worn indoors while in public per a mandate by the state.</u>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00. Please email Steve Laws at <a href="mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com">stephenclaws@gmail.com</a> to sign up.

HANDBELL CHOIR: The handbell choir is starting back on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 in the basement of the sanctuary. We will wear masks, handbell gloves and space ourselves out for safe ringing. We would love to add a few extra ringers. Please consider joining us for music, fun and fellowship. Contact Mrs. M at <a href="mailto:chapelvoices@msn.com">chapelvoices@msn.com</a> if you are interested. Thanks. ~Mrs. M (Jeanette)

**SPROUTS:** We will continue with virtual youth group meetings through October on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be this **Wednesday**, **October 7**. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

A STUDY OF C.S. LEWIS: During the upcoming church season, our women's book club will be delving into the works and life of C.S. Lewis. Our first novel will be *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. at the church picnic pavilion. Please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are interested in attending this book club session.

**OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING:** As the fall season approaches, Amy would like to begin a bird watching club. If you are interested in participating, simply take a picture of birds you find in your backyard, identify them, and send the info to Amy. She will share your discoveries in her daily OWLS message board via email.

**LADIES NIGHT 2020:** Due to the pandemic, the annual Ladies Night Banquet will not be held the second Saturday in December as is the tradition. Our plan is to take a look at the situation in November and if the future looks promising, we will try to plan something around Valentine's Day. We will share this information with the congregation as soon as possible.

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** If you are interested in volunteering at the Clothing Closet, contact Kay Robinson. Please note that donations <u>are not</u> being accepted at this time and the Clothing Closet <u>will not</u> be open to the public until further notice except for emergency appointments only.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** The fellowship has graciously donated hundreds of bags of food to Crisis Assistance Ministry since April, thanks be to God! The collection continues as the need is still great in Gaston County. Let us help all we can!

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** There are several options to send in your tithes & offerings each week. You can utilize your offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail or drop off in the <u>locked mailbox</u> at educational building. Or you can give on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer, Ed Robinson.



#### **DAILY PRAYER**

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson, and **Karen Shambaugh**.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Frieda and Shelton Harper, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

#### WEEK 39: OCTOBER 4 to OCTOBER 11, 2020

10/04 Morning Reading: Ephesians 6—Evening Reading: Isaiah 20, 21, 22

10/05 Morning Reading: Philippians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 23, 24, 25

**10/06** Morning Reading: Philippians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 26, 27

10/07 Morning Reading: Philippians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 28, 29

10/08 Morning Reading: Philippians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 30, 31

**10/09** Morning Reading: Colossians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 32, 33

10/10 Morning Reading: Colossians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 34, 35, 36

10/11 Morning Reading: Colossians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 37, 38

Song Of Praise "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW #836

#### Next Sunday, OCTOBER 11, 2020

8:30 Holy Communion: Genesis 18:1-15

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: New Commands and a New Covenant

10:30 Holy Communion: Matthew 22:1-14  $\sim$ 

"On the Holy Trinity and the Parable of the Wedding Feast"

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



# CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

Sun-04	8:30 am	Early Service (Family Life Center)			
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom			
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)			
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Pavilion)			
Mon-05	8:30 am	Preschool			
	7:00 pm	<b>Property Committee Meeting (Scout Hut)</b>			
	-	Troop Y Scout Meeting (Pavilion)			
Tues-06	8:30 am	Preschool			
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)			
Wed-07	8:30 am	Preschool			
	6:00 pm	Sprouts via Zoom			
	7:00 pm	Handbells (Sanctuary Basement)			
Thur-08	8 8:30 am	Preschool			

# We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!

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Prayer Requ	est:			