

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



ACTS 7:51-60 AND MATTHEW 21:33-46

“PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD”

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!

**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

*Who are you? **We are children of God (1 John 3:2).** What is our mission? **The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.***

PRELUDE

"Meditation"

Alexandre Guilmant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

ELW #634

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

LITANY

Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

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C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

***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.

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.



There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A time for all that life may bring: A
 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A time to gath - er scat-tered stone, A
 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You
 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You, Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord



time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep, A
 time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end, A
 know our grief, You hear our sighs In mer - cy, dry our tear-stained eyes. From
 Je - sus Christ, with time-less grace, You have re - deemed our time-bound race; O



time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rub - ble lay, A
 time to keep, then throw a - way, A time to speak, then noth - ing say, A
 c - vil times, You bring great good; Be - neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood, Though
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your time-ly work in us com - plete; Blest



time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born.
 time for war till ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
 dim - ly now life's path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, Your praise we sing There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

© Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955
 Tune: ST. PETER'S NORWALK, Stephen R. Johnson, b. 1966
 Setting: Steven F. Wentz, b. 1952

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

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;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people 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 expected 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 it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

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 people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

Wayne Wold

Refrain

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down, look down from heav - en. _____

Music: Wayne L. Wold
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You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the tow'ring cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

ACTS 7:51-60

Stephen tells the story of salvation all the way to the resurrection of Jesus. He pays for his witness with his life.

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰**Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A memory verse for the week is in bold. Claim the gift for yourself!

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges : Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : **JESUS** : + **Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

TEMPLE TALK

Terry Ratchford

*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:33-46

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after 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:] ³³"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. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated

them in the same way. 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 get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

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 amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore 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. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They 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

“Parable of the Vineyard”

Martyrdom and Persecution

On the Vineyard

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.

So What? Remember the martyrs who testified to Jesus to the end and beyond. Produce righteousness - do the next right thing in family, work, church, and community.

Fine



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
I will not for - get Your love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side me. And noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
wan - der - ing, Je - sus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and

Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

God is the owner of everything. We brought nothing into the world and we are taking nothing out of it. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be wise managers of the gifts He has given us in our selves, our time, and our possessions. A wise use of money will give, save, spend, and avoid debt. The traditional teaching is to give 10% (the tithe), save 10%, and spend 80%. Note: Our ushers will walk up and down the aisle during the musical offering with the offering plate for any who may have missed the plates when entering the church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"My Song is Love Unknown"

CHANCEL CHOIR

John Ireland / arr. R. Myers

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
 resounding all the day hosannas to their king.
 Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
 Here might I stay and sing -- no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend!

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

Psalms 51

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE “Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us”
2 Timothy 2



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the



dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.



1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



2 In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy. In



him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.



3 In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace. In



him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.

SENDING

*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. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"My Lord of Light"

ELW #832

1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing;
3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed;
4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en

but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav - en.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the two systems of music.

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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on a Hymn Tune”

Gilbert M. Martin

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Scott & Beth Swindler in honor of their 28th anniversary.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

- MinistersPeople of Lutheran Chapel
- Pastor.....Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant..... Kim Rundzieher
- Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe
- Assistant Minister Nancy Witman
- LectorMark Thornburg
- Acolyte..... Cameron Bell
- CruciferLillian Robinson
- Head Ushers Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPRTammy Royston
- Council Members of the Month..... Debra Hoffman & Jason Sanders

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard** on **Thursday, October 19 at 11:00am**. *If you would like to ride in the church van, please arrive before 10:30.* Lunch will be provided by Charles & Ann Edwards. We hope you'll join us.

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: The Men of the Church will be sponsoring a hamburger and hot dog cookout on **Tuesday, October 10th @ 6pm in the picnic shelter**. Plan now to attend and enjoy good food and fellowship. You might want to consider bringing a lawn chair. *All members of the congregation are invited to attend.* Hope to see you there!

MEMORY VERSE OPPORTUNITY: The gift of God's Word is given us to put in our hearts, meditate, contemplate, and explore. Sunday by Sunday one verse from the Story of Salvation lesson is put in bold for those who choose to memorize. This might be a place to be creative as well. All disciples are invited to draw, color, design, and creatively present the weekly memory verse to the church office or Pastor. These will be used for bulletin boards, displays and around the church. Claim the gift of God's Word for yourself!



DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalms 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Four*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	90	92, 93	95	97	100	102	104, 105
PM	91	94	96	98, 99	101	103	106

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 41 October 8 to October 15, 2023

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

10/12 Morning Reading: Colossians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 39, 40

10/13 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 41, 42

10/14 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 43, 44

10/15 Morning Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 45, 46

Morning: “*Song of Simeon*” (*Luke 1:68-79*) **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Traditional Song: “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*” ELW #632

Sing a New Song: “*Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil*” W&P #52

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Faye Anne Boyette, Buddy Carothers, Henry Hoffman, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Baby Aaron, Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Jonnie Heavner, Joyce Hoffman, Wade Huss, **Michael Jemison**, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Pastor Charles McManus, **Sherry Meek**, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, **Frank Sanders**, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, and Charlene Sorenson

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

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



Wednesday, October 11 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 5 *“Morning Psalms”*

Thursday, October 12 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Acts 7:51-60 *“The Martyrdom of Stephen”*

Sunday, October 15 ~ Service of the Word

Acts 9:1-19 and Matthew 22:1-14 *“Parable of the Wedding Feast”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

- Sun-08** 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:05 am **Luther Choir**
 11:35 am Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-09** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-10** 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 6:00 pm **Congregational Cookout (Picnic Pavilion)**
 7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
 7:00 pm **Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)**
- Wed-11** 8:30 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-12** 8:30 am Preschool
 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- Fri-13** 9:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat-14** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)