



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

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*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people  
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

## **2020 LWML SUNDAY**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 3, 2020 - 5:00 PM**

**OCTOBER 4, 2020 - 10:45 AM**

*(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (*sts. 1-3*) *Hymn 901*

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav’n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

## **\*THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**People: but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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 fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. 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, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a 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.

**People: Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE** “Glory Be to God the Father”  
(sts. 1-2, & 4)

*Hymn 506*

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

**\*THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. 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.

**People: Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 5:1-7, ESV*

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

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. <sup>7</sup>For 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!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Philippians 3:4b-14, ESV*

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew 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>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, 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 <sup>9</sup>and 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 - <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not 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. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, 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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **[10:45] THE ANTHEM**

“In Christ Alone”  
(Mixed Quartet)

*arr. Fettke/Kirkland*

## **\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 21:33-46, ESV*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said], <sup>33</sup>“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. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

<sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <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 have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." <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 marvelous 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 producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## [10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*SERMON HYMN

"Lutheran Women One and All"  
(sung to tune: St. George's, Windsor)

E.A. Kettner

**Lutheran women, one and all, We have heard the Gospel call.  
We by faith have seen our Lord Crucified and then restored.  
We have seen Him pay the price, For our sins a sacrifice.  
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim And unite to praise His name.**

**Lutheran women, young and old, Well we know His challenge bold:  
Help to take the Gospel light To a world in darkest night,  
By example in the home, By inviting those who roam,  
By our prayers for sinners lost, By our gifts for missions' cost.**

**Lutheran women, coast to coast, In the Lord a mighty host,  
Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,  
One in faith, in hope, and love, Working for the Lord above,  
Till, our earthly labors done, We in heaven shall all be one.**

## THE SERMON

## “Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit”

### \*LWML PLEDGE

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 of 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.

### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Adapted from Evening Prayer, LSB)*

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: 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:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For...*(additional bids for prayer may be added here)*...let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **\*LORD'S 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 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.**

### **\*THE BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”  
(sts. 1 & 3)

Hymn 923

**Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

**WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS**

**SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

The Preacher

The Organist

The Lector

The Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

Wynn Bonner

Jan Struck

Carol Smith, Pat Wittcop

**SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

The Preacher

The Liturgist

The Organist

The Sound Technician

The Children’s Message

The Elder on Duty

The Lectors

The Welcome Team Greeters

At the Welcome Center

The Welcome Team Ushers

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

Vicar Michael Duffy

Wynn Bonner

Rodney Steffen

Pat Wittcop

Georgia Fisher

Janice Graydon, Martha Martinez

Doris Dixon, Lorraine Pergande

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