

Sunday 10/4: Fellowship Chairman Louie Mielke has shared that coffee hour will resume, with the council's approval. Please observe social distancing as you enjoy coffee today.

Tuesday 10/6: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 10/7: Worship & Music Team Meeting, 9:30am.

Thursday 10/8: Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 10/10: Stewardship mailing assembly, 4pm; Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/11: Worship Service, 9am. Newsletter items due today!

### **PARISH CONCERNS:**

- Viola Harrington died on Sunday, September 27. Her funeral was held here on Friday. May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Viola's passing.
- Dillon Meade, boyfriend of Alexis Mielke (Louie's granddaughter), is in an induced coma due to a head injury as a result of falling from a vehicle. He has now been diagnosed with pneumonia.
- Burt Andrews II is now under the care of hospice. He has been battling cancer. Pray for all the Andrews family. This is Burt Andrews III's father.
- Marilyn Roser, John Roser and Mary Loomis' mother is in hospice care.
- Connie Schauer has had her last radiation treatment and is optimistic. She thanks everyone for prayers and cards.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, and George Vodden.
- Wildfires in the Western states.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Shoeboxes are ready for you to sign out and fill with "goodies". A bar of soap and washcloth are inside and later a beanie baby and face mask will be added. Boxes are due back Sunday, November 8th.



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(With Readings for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)*

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Saturday, October 3, 2020

(with scripture readings for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost)

## THE SERVICE BEGINS

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

**All: AMEN!**

**OPENING SONG:** “Praise and Thanksgiving”

**LBW 409**

## WE CONFESS

**P** Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

## WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

**P** The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!

*(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)*

**C** And also with you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

**Psalm 80:7-18** (Read responsively by half verse)

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#### SECOND READING:

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

#### GOSPEL:

Matthew 21:33-46

**P** The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON: “GOD’S VINEYARD” – Gospel

### STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### OFFERING

#### WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts! **C** We lift them up to the Lord!

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

#### THE BENEDICTION

**P** When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

**C** Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**LBW 221**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!

## HYMNALS

If you have used a hymnal from the pew rack today, please leave it on the seat at the end of the service. If you have signed out a hymnal, please continue to bring it with you weekly.

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Trudy Loomis 10/6

Tom Hoffman 10/6

Lucas Perian 10/9/13

Darla McManus 10/9

### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Ryan & Jennifer Block 10/8/16

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**Offering Counters:** Angie Springborn & Chris Boyer

**First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

<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!

**Psalm 80:7-18** (Read responsively by half verse)

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**Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

<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.

**Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

<sup>33</sup>{Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,} “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. 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.