

Today 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.

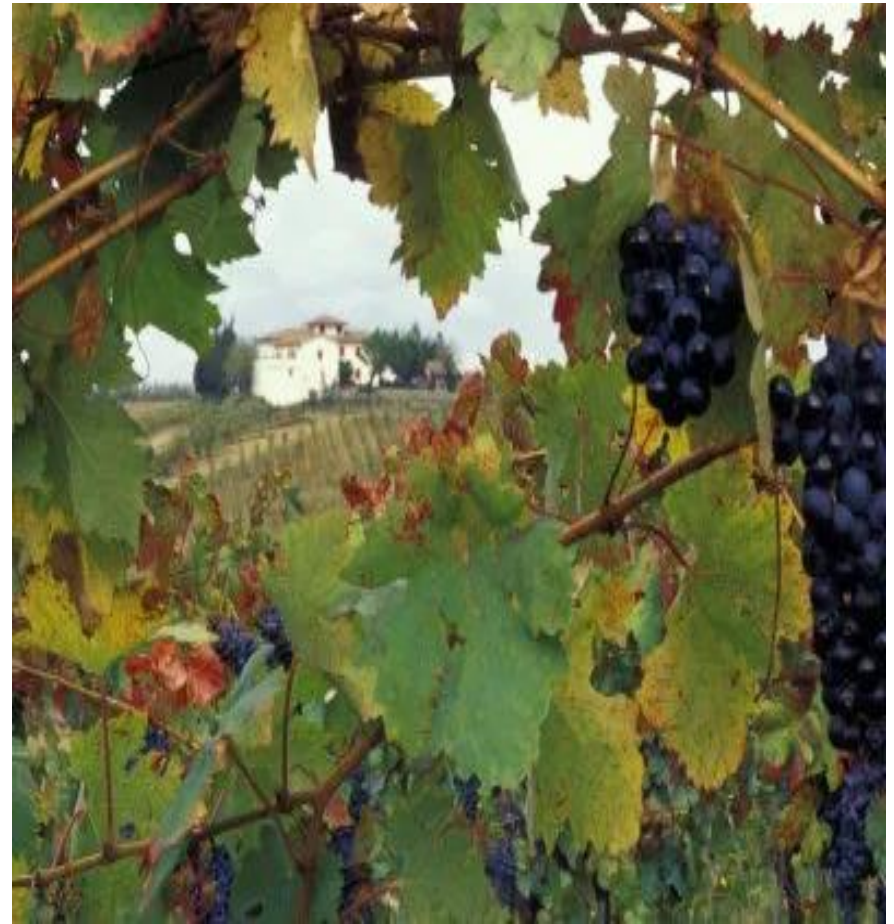
Sunday 10/11: Worship Service, 9am. Newsletter items due today!

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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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW - Green Hymnal **WOV** – Navy Hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession	P. 56
*Opening Hymn: “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”	LBW 234
*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie	P. 57
*This Is the Feast (C-All; I-Women; II-Men)	P. 60
*Prayer of the Day	
Children's Sermon	
First Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-18 (<i>responsively by half verse</i>)	P. 252
Second Reading	Philippians 3: 4b-14
*The Alleluia	P. 62
*Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon: **“GOD'S VINEYARD”** - Gospel

*Hymn of the Day: “Praise and Thanksgiving”	LBW 409
*Nicene Creed	P. 64
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Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymn: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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- *Thank the Lord
- *Benediction
- *Threefold Amen
- *Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
- ***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**
- * Postlude

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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First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

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!

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

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Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{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.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

³³{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. 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.