



Listen to another parable.

There was a landowner
who planted a vineyard.

Matthew 21:33, NRSV

Faith Lutheran Church October 8th 2023

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

October 8 2023

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Introduction to Psalm 118

Martin Luther

The neglect of Scripture, even by spiritual leaders, is one of the greatest evils in the world. Everything else, arts or literature, is pursued and practiced day and night, and there is no end of labor and effort; but Holy Scripture is neglected as though there were no need of it. Those who condescend to read it want to absorb everything at once. There has never been an art or a book on earth that everyone has so quickly mastered as the Holy Scriptures. But its words are not, as some think, mere literature; they are words of life, intended not for speculation and fantasy but for life and action. But why complain? No one pays any attention to our lament. May Christ our Lord help us by His Spirit to love and honor His holy Word with all our hearts.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We
 wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You takeaway the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceiveour prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p 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.

A - men.

THE WORD

Isaiah 5:1-7 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. ² He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a wine-press in it; So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. ³ "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? ⁵ And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; *And* break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry *for help*.

Philippians 3:4-14 If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are written that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

#245:1-4 God Loved the World So That He Gave

SERMON

Matthew 21:33-46 ³³ "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ³⁴ "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my

son.' ³⁸ "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ "So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" ⁴¹ They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³ "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. ⁴⁴ "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." ⁴⁵ Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. ⁴⁶ But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - - - tion. Up -
 hold me with Your free Spir - it.

447 Fight the Good Fight

OFFERING HYMN #441:1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our first fruits give!

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

#465 Christ is Our Cornerstone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 8

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday, October 10

6:30pm Elders Meeting

7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

3:45pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 15

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21 Depression Seminar

October 26 Voter's Meeting

October 29 Joint Reformation Service

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

Next Week Team # 3

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Russ Brown, Joe Brown

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 61

Bible Class – 11

Sunday School - 7

General Fund – \$ 2749

Missions - \$- 210

School Fund \$- 100

PRAYERS

Kate Sauers has ALK-positive anaplastic large-cell lymphoma.

Mike Eichstadt was hospitalized earlier this week after an episode of sustained ventricular tachycardia. He was prescribed medication to control it. Minimally invasive surgery is planned to further treat the symptoms.

SIGHT SAVING HYMNALS

The council approved the purchase of four sight saving hymnals. If you would like to try one of these hymnals, please ask one of our ushers.

SNACKS

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for snacks after church.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

The annual joint Reformation service will be held at Messiah in Hales Corners WI on Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. Anyone interested in singing with the joint choir can ask Pastor Ude for the music.

MDF

Currently the MDF balance is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year but without additional funds will run dangerously low. Please remember the MDF in your offerings and prayers.

CC SUMMARY

Coordinating Council Summary available on the shelf under the bulletin board.

DEPRESSION SEMINAR

If anyone missed the depression seminar last year, the same seminar will be presented in Fond Du Lac. When:

Saturday, October 21 at 1pm

Where:

Lutheran Memorial, Fond Du Lac

2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online:

www.mht.lutheranmissions.org

TRIP TO GREECE AND TURKEY

Nathaniel Mayhew is planning a visit to Greece and Turkey to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. More information is available on the shelf.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 25:6–9

Psalm 23

Phil. 4:4–13

Matt. 22:1–14

CALL NEWS

Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL is considering the joint call from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. For personal reasons Teacher Nathan Buck has resigned his call to Messiah Lutheran School of Eau Claire WI. Please keep Nathan and his family, as well as Messiah Church and School, in your prayers.

ILC VISITORS' DAY

is coming up on Friday, November 10th on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. ILC's fall theatrical production this year is Beauty and the Beast. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu

NOMINATIONS FOR IMMANUEL

PROFESSOR CALL:

Professor Mark Kranz is retiring at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained and has the ability to teach high school and college classes primarily in social studies (history/geography), elementary education methods. See below for where to send nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR

ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College.

Nominations for professor or president are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters post-marked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 21:33-46

Vs 33 How does God show his jealousy?

What is Divine jealousy?

Vs 34-36 How does the text show a progression of sin?

What is a sign of selfish anger?

Vs 37 How does this verse reinforce the grace of God?

Vs 40-41 What is the difference between the Jews and David?

Difference between those who fall and those fallen upon?

Vs 42-46 What Psalm is Jesus quoting?

Why do the Jews reject Jesus?

What is the Lord's response?

Where does Jesus fit in our life?

Example where Jesus does not fit in our lives?



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