

LIFE AND DEATH IN THE VINEYARD

October 8, 2017
Divine Service – 11:00 AM



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY'S HYMNS

OPENING HYMN
COMMUNION HYMN

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Introit.....Psalm 118

OLD TESTAMENT READING

21:33-46**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.** TODAY'S

THEME

"LIFE AND DEATH IN THE VINEYARD"

How disappointed God was with His people, over and over again! He had prepared the Promised Land and brought them out of Egypt to inhabit it. Yet, long before He let outsiders destroy it, the people—the vines in His vineyard—were producing “wild grapes,” according to Isaiah. And when the vineyard owner’s son came to receive good wine, they would have nothing to do with him. Jesus spells all that out in a parable. But the death of the Son is what produces life for all who call on Him in faith. Knowing Christ, as Paul proclaims, is all that matters. Everything else is rubbish. It wasn’t easy for Paul to say, and it isn’t easy for us to live, but nourished by Word and Sacrament, we can press on toward the upward call of our Savior, who awaits us in His eternal vineyard.

SERMON OUTLINE

REV. DANIEL CARLSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRELUDE

THE PRELUDE IS A TIME FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION AND TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE SERVICE.



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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INVOCATION AND EXHORTATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

HOLY ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, in His mercy...

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

PSALM 118



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*

for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

The stone that the builders re- | jected*

has become the | cornerstone.

This is the LORD's | doing;*

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;*

let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*

for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

KYRIE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
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.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

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?
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.
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.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

L This is the Word of the Lord.

and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

...though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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 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—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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. 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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.

When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 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."

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?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE MONTH THOUGH ALL OUR LIFE IS LIKE A SCROLL



1 Though all our life is like a scroll Un - rolled with blem - ished
 2 Though pomp - ous - ly we try to dress In cos - tumes of our
 3 Though earth's deep wa - ters foam and roar As surg - ing waves are
 4 Though crit - ics cut out Scrip - ture's claims And treat them with de -
 Δ5 Now sing a high dox - ol - o - gy To God who gives sal -



pa - ges; Though sin has shred - ded what was whole And death is
 mak - ing; Though fig leaves of self - righ - teous - ness Are fu - tile
 roll - ing; Though all the na - tions rage with war While bells of
 ri - sion; Though they con - duct their hos - tile aims With scal - pels
 va - tion. Both here and in e - ter - ni - ty Let this be



now our wa - ges; Yet here we stand in con - fi - dence, With
and heart - break - ing; Yet filth - y rags Christ glad - ly wore So
doom are toll - ing; Yet God gives peace - ful for - ti - tude, He
of sus - pi - cion; Yet how the liv - ing, two-edged sword Pro -
our vo - ca - tion. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it raise A



Je - sus as our sole de - fense, For He a - lone still saves us.
we would per - ish nev - er - more. His grace a - lone still clothes us.
nur - tures us with Heav - en's food. True faith a - lone still an - chors.
claims the dead and ris - en Lord! God's Word a - lone: still truth - ful.
sym - pho - ny of grate - ful praise, For He a - lone is wor - thy.

SERMON

REV. DANIEL CARLSON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father, by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was
buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Following the Offertory, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

Our Communion Practice is that we ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are Communicant members of a congregation of **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod** or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in fellowship with the LCMS.

Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a **confession of a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are **unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm** (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this **historic position** out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray.

Membership into this church involves intense instruction in the Lutheran faith, Lutheran doctrine, a study of the Lutheran Confessions, and a public confession of the faith before this congregation. If you have not received this instruction and have not confessed your faith before this congregation, you are strongly encouraged to speak to the Pastor right away and start the New Member class which is offered throughout the year.

Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to **please respect our practice**. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elder who helps distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Children or teens who have not been confirmed will not receive the Lord' Supper. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length should make an appointment with our pastor to do so. Pax.✠

PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** ... with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD & PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **Amen.**

ANGUS DEI

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN

OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey



And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no
 We walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false
 With gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's
 Through - out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and



thought - less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
 teach - ing us per - vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
 pow'r, de - feat his rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
 blood and ev - 'ry ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION

☐ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TRIUNE GOD, BE THOU OUR STAY



1 God the Fa - ther be our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!
 2 Je - sus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, be our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.



Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning



Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.



A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"

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Elder of the Month (James Gaddis)

You can find the name of your Elder on the Elder Zone List in the Narthex or ask a Greeter for a copy. Be sure to always contact your Elder if there's an emergency (illness, hospitalization, death, etc.)

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PASTORS

It is important to keep your pastors informed so they can provide the care or guidance you need.

Use this helpful tool to determine when to call:

Before going into/**When** leaving the hospital.

When a baby is born. **Arrange** for Baptism.

When private communion is desired.

When there is a death in the family. Call **RIGHT AWAY**

When you have a prayer request.

When you desire private counsel. **When** in a crisis.

When you desire a home visit.

Before entering armed services. **When** you are deployed.

When you have change of record information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Attendance for October 1, 2017		Financials for October 1, 2017	
Children's Sunday School	2	Sunday School Offering	\$ 55.00
Adult Sunday School	15	Midweek-Bible Study	\$ 0.00
Service Attendance	42	Worship Service Offering	\$ 3,108.00
<i>Approximate \$\$ Needed Each Week to Make Budget</i>			\$ 2,400.00
Education	\$55.00	L.W.M.L	\$190.00
Debt Reduction	\$.00	Mortgage	\$100.00
Mortgage Balance	\$ 654,948.33	Hope Lutheran Pastor's R	\$216.00
Youth	\$20.00	Pantry	

L.W.M.L. APPRECIATION

The St. Paul L.W.M.L. extends its thanks and gratitude to all of our members who supported the events this past weekend. We appreciate your continued support.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

Please remember that Sunday School is NOT out for the Summer! Young people, please join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:30am. See you there!

SPIRIT OF SOUTHERN (PUBLICATION) RENEWAL

The Southern District publishes "Spirit of Southern", a monthly magazine filled with stories, events, and important district information for all individuals and congregations of the Southern District. Up until this year you have been receiving this publication for free. Due to the synod's ever tighter budget, this publication can no longer be printed and mailed to you free.

If you would like to continue to receive the printed version of Spirit of Southern, please give \$5.00 to St. Paul and write "SOS" in the memo field. If you would like to receive the electronic version of Spirit of Southern (in your email), please leave your name and email address with either Pastor Dan or Pastor Piotr and it will be submitted to the district. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY AT 4:00PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Perry McCullam	*Louis Sims
Zedwick Harris	Billy Farley
Jimmie Lockett	Bruce Bowers
Venita Walker	Otis Crane
*Fred Horn	Hurricane Harvey Victims
Lakeasha McTear	Mrs. Juanita Young
*Mrs. Willie Mae DeV Vaughn	
Mr. Claron Beresford	

Prayer requests are added and updated based on the input of our members. Continue to fill out prayer request cards if you wish to add a request to this list, and include the length of time the prayer should stay on the list, please. Please be sure you're communicating with your pastor or elder should you or a loved one be hospitalized or in need of a visit. Thank you!!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays		Baptismal Birthdays	
Alexander Gunn	10/7	Ray Gordon	10/1
Varron Mosley	10/12	Adrienne Safford	10/1
Bettie Woods	10/13	Johnie Mosley	10/12
LaSherrie Hudson	10/17	Varron Mosley	10/12
		Erica Edwards	10/13

WE WELCOME ALL OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY! GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO YOU. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO RECORD YOUR INFORMATION IN OUR RED ATTENDANCE BOOK, FOUND IN YOUR PEWS. IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME WITH OUR GREETERS OR SIGN OUR GUEST BOOK. IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS DURING THE SERVICE GREETERS AND ELDERS WOULD BE HAPPY TO SERVE YOU. BE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO OUR PASTORS ON YOUR WAY OUT THE DOOR.

*****Thank you to all who attended the L.W.M.L. Prayer Breakfast & L.W.M.L. SUNDAY events. Your participation is greatly appreciated.*****