

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020



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WHAT LIES AHEAD? / LWML Sunday October 4th, 2020

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Fairest Lord Jesus” & “Be Thou My Vision” (arr. Larson)
Piano – Vonna Goddard Organ – Marlene Rieck

664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you. *Psalms 50:15*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 80:1, 14–15, 7

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P Turn again, O God of hosts!

C Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.

P Restore us, O God of hosts;

C let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT 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!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b–14

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

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

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

³³[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. 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

644 THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION

sts. 1–5

- 1 The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev’ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

SERMON "What Lies Ahead?" Philippians 3:4b-14

CREED Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service – Apostles' Creed
(Creeds can be found on the screens.)

BLESSING OF QUILTS

Pastor: We gather in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for the women who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.

People: **We thank You, Father, for the women who use their talent with needles and thread. Lord, we ask Your blessing upon these women as they create with the skills You have given them.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we now dedicate these beautiful quilts to Your glory, and ask that You shower blessings upon the people who will use them for clothing, for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, for sustaining life, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Bless these gifts of love, O Lord, and may they draw people to You. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

10:00 Service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. We bless You for having planted us in Your vineyard and for keeping us in Your abiding care. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

- C** **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- C** **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

566 BY GRACE I'M SAVED

sts. 1–3, 6

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 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.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your glorious kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we live with assurance and confidence, free from every fear. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be people who rejoice in Your promises and live to Your glory. Sanctify and keep us in the one true faith throughout this earthly life until we come at last to the company of saints and angels in light eternal. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Psalm 31:1, 3, 14–15a, 23a–24

P In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!

C **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**

P But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand.

C **Love the Lord, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!**

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

HERE I AM, LORD

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord.
If you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

POSTLUDE “To God Be the Glory” (arr. Birchwood)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Matthew 8:1-17
- Monday: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Matthew 8:18-34
- Tuesday: Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9; Matthew 9:1-17
- Wednesday: Deuteronomy 6:10-25; Matthew 9:18-38
- Thursday: Deuteronomy 7:1-19; Matthew 10:1-23
- Friday: Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Matthew 10:24-42
- Saturday: Deuteronomy 9:1-22; Matthew 11:1-19

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

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| Roger, health issues | Al, health issues |
| Skip, recovering | Ken, recovering |
| Larry, heart issues | Marilyn, recovering |
| Becky, back pain | Jean, health issues |
| Camilla, 7-year-old with brain cancer | Sue, recovery |
| Jack, ongoing health issues | Denise, addictions |
| Beth, health issues | Lauren’s mother |
| Eunice, Health Issues | Jackie’s mother |
| Jim, Alzheimer’s | Sharron’s father |
| Roger, recovering | Vonna’s mother |
| Lois, recovering | Wendy’s father |
| Terry, Health | Bill, recovery |
| Linda, brain cancer | |

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Our Savior Families: Wayne & Marilyn, Patrick & Janice, David & Miriam, Donald, Denise, Kari

Hymn of the Week “The Church’s One Foundation” LSB 644

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction