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

Philippians 3:4b-14

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.

Matthew 21:33–46

[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.

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October 4, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - A

WELCOME to God gives us His abundant Grace in Christ! Others have rejected, but now it is given it to you! If you are desiring to commune this week, prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to one of the pastors before the service concerning your intentions to accept the privilege of communing.

WORSHIP PRAYER 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: Isaiah 5:1-7 Song of the vineyard

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:4b-14 "Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ."

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 Tenants of the vineyard

<u>CONCERN FOR OTHERS IN THE PEW</u> The 8am service is nearing capacity for social distancing. If there are people looking for seats and you are sitting on an end when there's no one in the middle, please be kind either by sliding in, or by getting up and inviting them in. Also, consider going to the later service. There's plenty of room available at the 10:45 service.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES Sun/Oct 4 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-A (Sept 27-Oct 4)		October 4, 2020 Eighteenth Sun after Pentecost		
Sun/Oct 4	LWML Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am	Processional Hymn	#844	
	Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am	Confession and Absolut	Confession and Absolution p. 167	
	Coffee & fellowship, 9am	Introit	See insert	
	Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am	Kyrie	p. 168	
	Eastern Zone LYF Hayride in Sabin, 7-9pm	"This is the feast"	p.171	
Mon/Oct 5	Pastor's Conference in Bismarck	Calutation P. Callant	-	
Tues/Oct 6	Pastor's Conference in Bismarck	Salutation & Collect	p. 172	
Wed/Oct 7	Jr. Confirmation, 6pm	Old Testament	See back	
Thur/Oct 8	Open Youth Room, Gr 9-12, 6-8pm Bd of Ed, 6pm	Gradual	See insert	
Fri/Oct 9	Confirmand Retreat, 7pm-Saturday 4pm.			
Sat/Oct 10	Confirmand Retreat, 7pm-Saturday 4pm.	Epistle	See back	
Say Oct 10	EncourageMENt Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Immanuel	Alleluia & Verse	p.173	
	Fargo, 9am	Gospel	See back	
Sun/Oct 11	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost-A	-		
	Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am	Sermon Hymn:	#409	
	Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am	Sermon: Matthew 21:33-43 "Producing the Kingdom's Fruits"		
	Coffee & fellowship, 9am			
	Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am	Apostles Creed	p. 175	
		Prayers	1	
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to those having birthdays this week:		Preface & Sanctus	p. 177-178	
•	Mutchler, Emmett Wilson		•	
10/6: Carolyn Schatz 10/7: Adam Ratz		Lord's Prayer & Institut	ion p. 179	
10/8: Easton Shoman		Agnus Dei	p. 180	
10/9: Wendy Ramberg		Offering, Distribution & Hymns #637, #680, #647		
ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to those having anniversaries this week:		"Thank the Lord"	p. 181	
10/4: Ron & Ginny Leon 56th 10/5: Leonard & Shirley Marquardt 68th			-	
10/7: Richard & Kristi Buckley, Stephan & Stacy Kolb		Post Communion Collec	p. 183	
		Benediction	p.183	
		Closing Hymn: "In Chirst" (Insert)		

-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:

for last Sunday Services: 74 + 39 = 113

		LAST YEAR		LAST SUNDAY	
General Fund Income Received:	\$	6,457.47	\$	4,327.41	
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$	535.29	\$	460.27	

THROUGH AUGUST:	Monthly	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$ 34,453.63	\$258,876.15
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 35,574.26	\$312,788.52
Net	\$ -1,120.63	\$-53,912.37
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 48,571.92
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,085.06	\$ 35,987.96
Net	\$ 300.94	\$ 12,583.96

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (10/11)

ELDERS: Sun 8am: Kevin Osmondson Sun 10:45am: Robert Eidbo

AV: Sun 8am: Joe Cajobe/Joshua Harvala

Sun 10:45am: Lenny Heupel/Axel Lindquist

USHERS: Sun 8am: *Al Hall

Naomi Hall, Tom Moltzan

Sun 10:45am: *Rod Olson

Mike Hendrickson, Steve Lindquist

ACOLYTES: Sun 8am: Landon Job

Sun 10:45am: Jordan Sommerfeld

MUSICIANS: Sun 8am & 10:45am: Susan Jahnke

ALTAR GUILD Brenda & Lenny Heupel, Lanae Cajobe, Linda Glass

USHERS NEEDED We are in great need of ushers. This is an area we were low in volunteers prior to COVID-19, but now we are especially hit hard because many of the normal ushers are not able to attend our actual worship services. You can designate early or late service and sign up for dates of your choosing. The tasks are easy to do and currently modified during this COVID period. If you have questions, please ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service and dates. Thank you for considering helping out in this area!

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COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:

OUR WEB SITE: www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am and on KFNW AM 1200 and 102.5 FM at 8am.

Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board. www.lutheranhour.org.

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfuo.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, **ETC**: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM Oct. 18: Rev. Bernhard Seter, Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, ND, presents the message: "Celebrating Luke," based on Luke 1:1-4. This Is The Life program: "Happiness is Dirty Hands" - School teacher Kent (Daniel Travanti) lives and teaches High School in a troubled metro area. The decision for him and his wife (Ann Whitfield), to live in a poverty area, is troubling their marriage. Kent's friend Art (Mike Farrell) offers some help. MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9:00am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1 AND 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3, and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com.

<u>PASTORS' CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICE</u> will be streamed live from Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck tomorrow evening, October 5 beginning at 7:00 PM. District President Rev. Arie Bertsch will preach, and you won't want to miss out on hearing all of those pastors singing! The stream can be accessed from Bethel's or ND District's Facebook pages: facebook.com/bethelbismarck or facebook.com/NodakLCMS.

EASTERN ZONE LYF HAY RIDE & BONFIRE is tonight from 7-9pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin. There is no cost, and ingredients for s'mores will be provided. Bring your own camp or lawn chair, however. We will leave from St. Andrew at 6:30pm and return by 9:30. If you did not sign up already, please speak to Pastor Harvala right away.

BUTTER BRAIDS FROZEN PASTRIES ON SALE NOW The youth group is selling Butter Braids frozen pastries through October 15. There is also an online ordering option available. To purchase these tasty treats, please speak to a youth member. They will be delivered in mid-Novemer. Thanks for your support of our youth ministry program at St. Andrew!

2021 GOD'S CREATION WALL CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

The youth group is once again selling God's Creation wall calendars. Need a calendar for 2021? Do you enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the encouragement of God's Word? Have friends and love ones in need of Christmas gifts? Then the God's Creation wall calendar is for you. The price is \$10 each and can be purchased from a member of the youth group (grades 6-12). A sample is also available for viewing in the information center.

ND DISTRICT LCMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING will be held October 22-24 at Bismarck Ramada Inn. The theme is "God > Me." Youth in grades 6-8, along with adult and teen counselors, are invited to join us for three days of Bible study, service, and fellowship. St. Andrew will cover half of the registration fee for youth participants. Registration information on the youth bulletin board.

ATTENDING NDSU OR UND, or have a child attending, this fall? Please let us know so that we may pass your info on to our campus ministry agencies at both schools. Lutheran Student Fellowship is led by Pastor Steve Schulz at NDSU and by Pastor Dan Suelzle at UND. We pray that they will be a blessing to you and help you keep your faith close as you navigate college.

LWML BLUE BOOKS The LWML is selling Blue Book coupons again! Please see a member of the LWML or the church office to purchase a book today!

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE NEEDS:

<u>Food Donations</u> The Board of Human Care is in need of nonperishable food items such as Hamburger Helper and canned or boxed pasta meals. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket near the coat rack area. <u>Meals</u> The Board is also looking for more people willing to make a meal for someone recovering from surgery or illness or someone who has experienced a death in the family. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CATECHISMS & WORKBOOKS available, now that we have begun our transition to the new (2017) edition in our confirmation classes. If you would like a copy of the older (1991) edition, we have both NIV and ESV versions available. The workbook can help you learn your catechism more in-depth. Please speak to a pastor if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Celebration of Grace (Lutheran School) on November 20. This event includes the auctions.

COFFEE & TREATS We are starting up coffee & treats again! Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

CATECHETICAL LESSON Table of Duties: Of Citizens- Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. It is necessary to submit to authorities, not only because punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and please God our Savior. Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: weather to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

Introit

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!

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual

He will command his angels con- | cerning you* to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Verse

Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground,

firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain; Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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<u>CALENDAR</u> Have you checked out yearly church calendar on the bulletin board in the welcome area? Take a look today and see what events and activities are coming up! Have a church event or activity that you think should be added? Contact Mary in the office.

EFFECTS OF COVID are not just the sickness; many people are suffering from extreme loneliness because of the long term effects of isolation. If you know or hear of someone who is a shut-in (see the back of the prayer card) or is quarantined, give them a call. What a blessing it is to be remembered!