

Old Testament

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!

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

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.

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Philippians 3:8



About the Cover: Paul had every reason to boast in his flesh and worldly gains. He was revered, respected, and admired for his pedigree and zeal. But he counted it all as loss in comparison to gaining Christ. For Christ first gave His life on the cross to gain Paul. Likewise, Christ has done this for each of us. No individual status or personal achievement can compare to knowing our Lord, who gave His life for us. Everything else is all loss, but Christ is all gain.

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4 & 8, 2023

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Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 9/27 (Wed): 46	Comm.: 42	Offering: \$880.19
Attendance 10/1 (Sun): 45	Comm.: 35	Offering: \$2,938.00
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 10/1: \$23.50
S.S. – 5	Staff – 3	B.C. – 6

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (10/8) 6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
MON (10/9) 4:30 p.m. – Finance Committee
WED (10/11) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship
7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (10/12) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
SUN (10/15) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Pastor and Ashley Brandmahl upon the birth of their son August Gilbert; Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, and Terry Brandenburg.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Hank & Lori Horn in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Hank & Lori Horn in honor of their anniversary.

THANK YOU to Pastor Brett Simek for leading us in worship on Wednesday and sharing God's Word with us!

VOTERS MEETING will be held on October 29th at 10:00 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICES – At the voters meeting we will be electing new officers. The positions available are: Stewardship Evangelism (1); Elder (2); Trustee (1). Please prayerfully consider one of these positions. If interested please contact Gary Koerth or Rick Riemer.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – Rev. Pfaff from Food for the Poor will be preaching and leading Bible class on Sunday October 8th.

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH – October is clergy appreciation month. There are cards available in the card room for this occasion.

MEAL TRAIN – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for a meal train for Pastor and Ashley for the week after their baby is born. Please sign up if you'd like to make a meal for them.

CHURCH TEXTING – The church office is unable to receive or send text messages. If you need to contact the office, please call or email.

GRASS CUTTERS – Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

THE PRODUCE TABLE is still out if you have any extra fall produce you would like to share with members of the congregation. Items can be left on or taken from the table in the coat room anytime during the week.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT – Trinity Rantoul will be having their 3rd annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sat. Oct. 21st from 4 – 6 pm in the school parking lot. All are welcome. Food, games, prizes, balloon twisting and face painting. See bulletin board for more details.