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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10/8/23

WELCOME in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Producing Fruit in God's Vineyard," Matthew 21:33-46

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 15 Hymns: 473; 245; 307; 370

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 644; ;571; 566; 575

ATTENDANCE: (M) 71 (C) 14 Sunday School: 12 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 6 Weekday: 11

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, October 15th.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning is for Lutheran Braille Workers (Braille Center 315). All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

BIDS are now being solicited for church janitor, school janitor and cemetery caretaker. If interested, give bid to Chairman Dean Sprehe or one of the trustees, Roger Vogt, Jeff Hoffman, Gary Maschhoff or Mark Meinert before the voters meeting October 26th.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be celebrated Sunday, November 5th. We will have a prayer of thanks for God's blessings upon those who have gone home to heaven in the past year. The names of all those members who have departed will be read, and we invite members of St. John's and St. Luke's to submit the names of dear Christian friends and relatives who died in the faith between November 2, 2022 and October 31, 2023, who were not members of St. John's or St. Luke's. Please give these names and the date of death to LuAnn Sprehe no later than November 1st so that we may include their names in the prayer as well.

SEMINARY FOOD BANK COLLECTION: St. John's LWML is sponsoring a collection for Concordia Seminary students and their families throughout the month of October. Nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products are solicited. See the box in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE: The 13th Annual Okawville Music Festival is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

AN OFFICERS' AGENDA MEETING will be held after the service next Sunday, October 15th in the Fellowship Hall.

RADIO SPONSORS NEEDED: If you would like to sponsor a Sunday morning Bible Study on V-104-7, please see the sign-up sheet (with instructions) on the table by the restrooms.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF October 8TH-14TH, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Corrina Rose Stevenson, daughter of Jon and Amanda Stevenson (C), at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN

Larry Brinkmann now home under the care at SLU for liver cancer

Gene Knolhoff at Fireside Nursing Home for Rehab

Bob Jack diagnosed with prostate cancer; had lung biopsy

Lisa, daughter of Cathy Redeker, had cancer surgery in the state of Washington

Jacob Martin (C)—surgery Tuesday at SLU

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Wayne & Lola Wessel—in need of prayers

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Stanley Renth started chemotherapy

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans—sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer. We give thanks that she received a good cat scan report.

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center
- Adult Instruction Class

We Remember:

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call a pastor again

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Ryan Brinkmann 10-8; Andrew Windler 10-9; Kelli Simmons and Tyler Sprehe 10-12; Owen Stein and Jeremy Zapp 10—13, Jordan Meinert 10-14

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Lynnette & Matt Shew 10-10; Jarrett & Amy & Jack 10-13

CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is celebrating its 20th year and the **Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with the theme, Start Up to Stand Out! Mark your calendar for this event and if you are willing to donate items, please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

OKAWVILLE COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY begins in October at the Original Springs Hotel (in the Lions Room). This happens on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. October studies will be led by Pastor Eric Wood of Immanuel, Okawville. All are welcome.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Myths About Christopher Columbus, The Need for Masculine Men, Understanding Polygamy in Scripture, The Expulsion of the Canaanites and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST OUR ROCK OPEN HOUSE: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, with tours from 6:30-8:00. That evening families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshman are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

MISSION QUILTS: Today we give thanks to the Lord for the work of our Mission Quilters. The quilts they have completed will be taken to Christian Friends of New Americans, an LCMS ministry in St. Louis that serves refugees and immigrants. (About a year ago Rev. Al Buckman from there served as our mission speaker.) The Mission Quilters meet in the schoolhouse. They welcome men and women who would like to volunteer. No special skills are required—these are not fancy heirloom quilts. Volunteers do not have to be church members; this would be an excellent opportunity for you to invite one of your friends to get involved with a Christian service project. (For more information, call Julia Karmeier at 618-367-2480.)

PASTOR MUELLER'S ABSENCE: Pastor Mueller's son Daniel is flying him out to Baltimore on Thursday afternoon, October 12th, to accompany Daniel at the University of Maryland Medical Center for Daniel's routine medical procedure. Pastor plans to return home Saturday evening, October 14th. If you need a pastor during that time, please call Pastor Nate Wollenberg of Hoyleton. His number is 618-493-6226 (office) or 618-335-4155 (cell).

ST. LUKE'S QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at New Minden.

LEFTOVERS FROM THE FALL FESTIVAL—The following are available for a donation: case of bottled water (\$6), partial container of cooking oil (any donation), six bags of green beans (\$10 per bag), two bags of French Fries (\$7 per bag). All are in the Fellowship Hall or in the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall. Just help yourself and put your donation in the slot in the sacristy door (in the hallway where you exit after communing at the altar).

19th Sunday after Pentecost + October 8, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" *LSB 644*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 184-185*

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-19 *spoken responsively* *LSB 80*

KYRIE *LSB 186*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir - it.**

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: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 5:1-7*

P: ¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² 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.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ 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?

- ⁵ 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.
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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!

P: This is the word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:4b-14*

P: ⁴ . . . If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² 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. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

TRIPLE ALLELUIA (*Sing:*)
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.
C: (*Sing:*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**
P: ³³ “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. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ 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.”

⁴² 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’?”

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ 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: (*Sing:*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED *confessed by all:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "God Loved the World So That He Gave" *LSB 571*

SERMON: "Producing Fruit in God's Vineyard" *Matt 21:33-46*

HYMN: "By Grace I'm Saved" *LSB 566*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BLESSING OF MISSION QUILTS

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord said through the Apostle: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
C: Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

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P: For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings
C: **So through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."** [*2 Corinthians 1:3-5*]

P: The Lord Jesus, as He describes the proceedings of the final judgment, as evidence of their faith in Christ—the faith that alone saves—makes mention of the good works that Christians do. He said:

C: "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

P: And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

C: **And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?"**

P: And the King will answer them,

C: 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" [*Matthew 25:37-40*]

P: God of grace,

C: **We dedicate to You the gift of these Mission quilts. May Your Spirit go with these quilts to bring comfort to those in need.**

P: God of mercy,

C: **We praise You for the hands that crafted these Quilts. Through the abilities You have given in our community, we offer these Quilts to bring comfort and hope to lives in other communities marked by need and uncertainty.**

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P: God of abundance,
C: **We give You thanks for all that You have given us. In each stitch of these Quilts we see Your promises. May Your ever-present love console hearts that hunger for comfort.**

P: We send these gifts of God's grace, mercy, and abundance in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: My friends, Jesus calls us to bring comfort to all in need!

C: **Lord, send us out to serve in Your name! Amen!**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION [LSB 202]

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *(Sing:)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

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This Week : Oct-8th-15th, 2023

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO

Monday NO. School—Columbus Day
6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Pastor Has Service at FMNH
10:30 a.m. Pastor Has Service at WCH Skilled Care
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC
3:15-7:30 p.m. P/T Conferences
6:00 p.m. LWML in FH

Friday NO School
8-11:00 a.m. P/T Conferences

Saturday 9-1:00 p.m. Christ Our Song Lessons in FH
6:00 p.m. TSJ 2nd Annual Glow Golf
NO Worship at NM

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7
10:00 a.m. Worship at NM w/HC
10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377
and Channel 18 on Cable TV
Officers' Agenda Mtg After Service in FH