

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pastor Ron Moritz Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Communion Sunday—LWML Sunday
Sunday, October 4, 2020

Communion will be offered on the first and third Sundays of the month

Our service begins at 9:15 a.m. We will conduct a worship service inside and outside by using our FM transmitter simultaneously. If you choose to remain in the parking lot please tune your radio to Station 87.9 FM in your vehicle. Our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service has been cancelled, in lieu of starting Adult Bible Class October 11th.

FYI: Michigan's current order has been extended until October 27th regarding wearing masks and social distancing. If entering the church please see below.

1. If you choose to enter the church for worship service please wear your mask and apply sanitizer to your hands, THEN sign in. Continue to keep others safe.
2. Please use the center aisle to enter the sanctuary.
3. Do not sit in the pews marked off-limits with a thin red rope. No more than two people should sit in a pew unless they are living in the same household.
4. We will dismiss from the rear pews first. Exit using the side aisles. Do not exit the pews using the center aisle unless you are handicapped.

Let's continue to Stay Safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Order of Service - Celebrating LWML Sunday

Opening Hymn: "Praise, Love, Serve"

**Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer,
(Music to Tune: LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem)**

Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.



We believe that God has called us to...

**Reach Out to All
Embrace His Gifts
Announce His Coming
Commit to Christian Living
Honor His Word**

In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.

Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin.
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

Collect for 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, on God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Readings for the Day

Apostle's Creed:

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.

Sermon: The Parable of the Tenants and the Vineyard Matthew 21:33-43

LWML PLEDGE: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do

His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen. (© 1955 LWML authored by Rev. Harry Fricke)

*"NOISY JAR" Gathering of gifts to support LWML Mission Projects.
Dedication of 20 quilts and various relief kits.*

Lord's Prayer — Communion

Prayer: Pray for our country, for those that are sick, for those in need, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders in this time of the virus, for the firefighters and those dealing with the fires on the west coast, and for all of your concerns.

CLOSING HYMN: Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

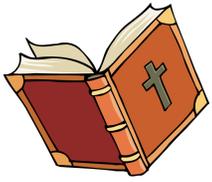
(Music to the Tune: LSB 662 -Onward, Christian Soldiers)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!





FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1–7 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 briars 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!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14 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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33–46

[Jesus said,] 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. 34When 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. 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.” 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.



LIVING IN *love*, BEARING FRUIT

Today's Sermon Review
"The Parable of the Tenants and the Vineyard"
Matthew 21:33-43

Introduction: Comparisons in the Parable:

- God is the O _____
- Vineyard is God's C _____
- Tenants are Israel's R _____ Leaders
- Owner's Son is J _____

I. The Parable teaches us about God.

- A. God's trust in P _____
- B. God's P _____
- C. God's J _____

II. The Parable teaches us about people.

- A. Human P _____
- B. Human F _____
- C. Human A _____

III. The Parable teaches us about Jesus.

- A. The C _____ of Jesus
- B. The S _____ of Jesus

Answers to last week's Sermon Review: (9/27/20) Incompetence, Qualities, Emptied, His, Criminal's, Cross, Waited, Resurrection, Name Honor, Attitude, Attitude, Denial, Servanthood, Obedience

MAY BLESSINGS FOLLOW YOU THIS WEEK UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

FYI - ST. PETER'S NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

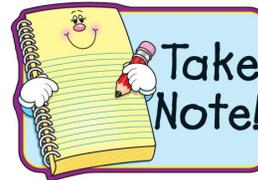
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Please begin to use our post office box for all incoming mail. We have discovered it is safer to use our P.O. Box number. Thanks

Notes from Pastor:

BULLETIN NOTES FOR COMING WEEKS



After service next Sunday, those in their cars are invited into the sanctuary to see the quilts our ladies have made for Lutheran World Relief. Please social distance and wear your mask.

Sunday, October 11 we resume our morning **Adult Bible Study at 10:15 AM** in Zimmerman Hall. The larger room allows us to social distance. Sunday School will continue to be during the 9:15 AM service.

We will add Holy Communion to our Reformation Service on October 25.



Let's keep in contact with others not able to attend worship. They miss us and we miss them.

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



Voters Meeting

On Sunday, October 25 our next Voters Assembly

will be held in the sanctuary immediately after service. Those in their cars may simply keep their radio tuned to 87.9 FM to hear the discussion.

Voting ballots for action items will be distributed & collected inside and out.

While the October 19 Council meeting will finalize the agenda we do anticipate voting on the following:

1. We agree to allow current elected officers to continue to serve through 2021 (with new elections after Covid restrictions are removed – those interested in being an officer, trustee or elder for the coming term, please contact Jan in the church office.)
2. Adoption of the 2021 Mission & Ministry Budget (anticipated to be similar to 2020).

The Council Meeting on September 21 agreed on the following worship services*

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 26 at 6:00 PM

Wed., December 2 Advent communion services at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM (Brown bag lunch being considered after the 11:00 AM service)

Wed's., December 9 & 16 Advent services at 11:00 AM only (Brown bag lunches TBD)

Thurs., December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 4:00 PM (NO Christmas Day service this year.)

***All services will be transmitted to our car radios as we do on Sundays.**

FYI: St. Peters is in our 125th year of ministry.

This 125th anniversary year culminates on May 31 (the date in 1896 when our first constitution was adopted). Appropriate anniversary events for 2021 will be considered early in the new year.

