

Announcements and Readings for Sunday, October 4, 2020

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God,

From you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

5 I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

The Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15 will be read responsively

7 Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

**8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

**9 You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.**

**10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

**11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.**

**12 Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?**

**13 Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.**

14 Return to us, God Almighty!

Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,

¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted,
the son you have raised up for yourself.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ If someone else thinks they have reasons to put 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; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, 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 is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Gospel Response **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.

⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord – C: Praise to You, O Christ.

ASSISTING MINISTER and LECTOR: Marty Goetz

GREETER: Phyllis Metz

CHILDREN: Available on the back pew are coloring books and crayons.

CALENDAR

MONDAY 9:00-12:00, 4:00-6:00 Depot Day Drop Off

THURSDAY 1:00 Bible Study at Zion Lutheran

FOOD CUPBOARD – OCTOBER NEEDS

Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly.

BOILER REPAIR

The church boiler is not quite finished yet. We are waiting for a part to come in to complete the repair. As stated in your October newsletter to help with the cost of this expensive but needed repair, any donation will be greatly appreciated. Just mark the white pew envelope or your check as “boiler repair” and leave in the offering plate.

WORSHIP NOTES

As we worship together once again, we want everyone to feel safe and comfortable during worship. Therefore, with that in mind the following steps will be taken:

We will sit every third pew to keep a safe distance from each other.

The offering plates will not be passed around, instead you will leave your offering in the plate as you leave worship along with the attendance form.

Hymns are also included in your bulletin as an insert. Hymns and liturgy will be sung by a cantor at this time. We will not have a Gathering Hymn. If you wish to sing along you may do so, but we request that you keep your mask on during any singing.

Communion will also be done together in the pews from the prepackaged wafer and juice you picked up on your way into the sanctuary. A waste receptacle will be on the table in the narthex for you to dispose of your communion as you leave worship.

Open the clear cellophane for the wafer first and then open the purple tab for the juice.

Included in your bulletin is an attendance form, please fill out and leave in the offering plate. This is to help us keep track of our members each Sunday.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER – OCTOBER 22 – 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Sign up sheet for donations of needed food items and help on the day of the dinner is located on the back table in the narthex. Next to the offering plate. This dinner will be free to the community and will be take out only. Monetary donations will also be greatly appreciated to help with the cost of the meat and paper supplies.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We need 3 voting members to represent St. Paul for the 2020 Synod Assembly. The Assembly will take place on Saturday, November 14 via ZOOM meetings. Please see Pastor Tim if you are interested or have any questions.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond.

If you would like to give a donation to Lutheran Disaster, please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran and leave your donation in the white pew envelope. Mark on the memo line or on the envelope California Wildfires.

CAMP LUTHERLYN

Want to enjoy the great outdoors while supporting Lutherlyn? This is your chance! Whether you choose to run a few miles all at once on one day, track your morning walk around the block with your dog every day, or if you just want a reason to get outside and get moving, you can use your miles to support Lutherlyn’s Annual Fund (which provides important things like camperships!) while enjoying the great outdoors. Go to www.lutherlyn.com to register and for more information. The event takes place the month of October and all donations are due by November 6 to Lutherlyn, PO Box 355, Prospect, PA 16052.

DEPOT DAY TRUCK

Please note the change in day, the truck will be here on Wednesday, October 14 usually around 7:30 AM. If you are able to help with the loading of the truck, please see Phyllis Metz. Phyllis could also use help the drop off day of Monday, October 5 from 9:00 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 6:00.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Devotionals for October, November and December are now available in the narthex and on the table downstairs by the office.

