

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 1

Sunday, October 4

“TENANTS OF GOD’S GARDEN”

Text: Mathew 21:42 “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone. The Lord has done this and it has become marvelous in our eyes.”

INTRODUCTION – There is hardly a word to describe the foolishness of these wicked vinedressers, in this parable of Jesus. Yet, four days after the Pharisees heard him tell this parable, they had Jesus arrested. Five days later they jeered him as he was nailed to the cross. Then, on the third day he rose again from the dead. Now He wants repentance and forgiveness of sins to be preached in His name to all nations!

1 – Capstone – what a concept!

2 – The only mediator between God and us.

3 – The Pharisees meant it for evil.

4 – God meant it for good!

5 – Joseph’s brothers meant it for evil.

6 – God meant it for good.

7 – Modern vinedressers.

CONCLUSION – The Pharisees wanted to keep the vineyard but without the rules of the owner. They killed God’s Son, but He rose again from the dead and today is the ruler of the Universe. He commands us to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. Let us make sure that he will not have died in vain for anyone. Let us endeavor in making a difference in the world! After all, there is only one Capstone. Amen.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8–10).

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS – Our Special Missions project for the last quarter of the year 2020 is the ministry to the deaf, specifically the work done at and through "Evangelical Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation do the Deaf". This congregation is located in West Allis (2306 S 98th Street). The Rev. William Palmer has been their pastor for the last 34 years. They minister to all deaf of the Greater Milwaukee area. This is a worthy cause and your gifts to Special Missions will sustain the proclamation of the Gospel in sign language!

MITES Please remember to bring your mites. The first grant of the 2020-2022 Biennium is **Church Worker Student Grant, \$30,000**. This money will help seminarians purchase their books. The need for new pastors is great.

BIBLE STUDY

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY This fall, we will be taking a deeper look into the book of Psalms, beginning on Tuesday, October 6. This 12-week study will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 9am and 7pm via Zoom and is led by Jaime Greene. If you are interested in signing up or if you have any questions, please contact Jaime at jaimelynn581@gmail.com. In your email, please indicate if you are interested in the morning or evening study.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ HOME: Sunday school is officially underway! If you have a child ages 2 through 8th grade and did not receive materials from us, please contact the church office! We pray the Lord would bless our families and students as they learn at home and grow in their faith together!

YOUTH GROUP All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a Youth Group activity on October 4 & 25 from 6-8pm. Please watch your email for more information. If you have questions please email Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We will once again be collecting Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Boxes are now available and can be found outside the front doors of church in a bin! You will find a list of ideas along with boy and girl tags in the bin as well! Boxes need to be back to church no later than Sunday, November 8th! Questions? See Jaime Greene or Jennifer Leinss!

SCRIP While SCRIP gift cards may not be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, you are still able to purchase cards through our order forms. Simply fill out your order, include your payment (checks can be made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran), and place it in the SCRIP mailbox, which is located on the north side of the Narthex. The order forms are available near the SCRIP bulletin board in the hallway. Your order will be placed in your church mailbox when it arrives unless other arrangements are made. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

DEVOTIONALS AND SUCH If you would like a copy of the devotionals that we receive, Portals of Prayer, Hope-Full Living, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, or Lutheran Digest, please check out the bins outside of the front of church and help yourself!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Now more than ever our food banks are experiencing food shortages. Blessed Savior has had a close tie with Bethany Food Pantry in Milwaukee, currently Bethany is facing a shortage of canned goods. We will be collecting canned goods during the month of October to donate to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. If you are able to give at this time there will be a collection bin out front that you may place your donations in. Thank you and God bless you for showing Jesus' love in this way!

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS- Our hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 3:30. The church office is closed on Fridays. Please leave a message and we will get in touch as soon as we can. If you need immediate attention please call Pastor Sander on his cell phone (414) 630-6802.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck Arliss Judy Joyce
Harold Adeline Richard John

PASTOR NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS – Pastor Sander will be going on his annual Worship Calendar Study Retreat this afternoon and returning on Thursday. Please pray for me that the Holy Spirit may guide me with a firm hand as I prepare your spiritual menu for the 14 months from December 2020 through January 2022.

Bulletins were donated by Laura Schmitz in memory of her mother, Barbara Mueller's, birthday.

Special Missions are sponsored by Chuck & Carol Weber for their 16th wedding anniversary.

Please pray for LeAnn Diedrich (former member), she fell and broke her heel. Pray for a fast recovery.

We pray the Lord to have mercy on us and bless the efforts to contain the Corona Virus, the wildfires in the west, the recovery from the storms in Iowa, and the recovery from the various storms in the south.

Special intercessions: please pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Last Week's Attendance: 146

Last Week's Offerings: \$8,356.00

YouTube Attendance: 83

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00