



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

18th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-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. Amen

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Psalm 80 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 5:1-7

Now let me sing to my Well-beloved

A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill.

He dug it up and cleared out its stones,

And planted it with the choicest vine.

He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it;

So He expected it to bring forth good grapes,

But it brought forth wild grapes.

“And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

What more could have been done to My vineyard
That I have not done in it?

Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes,
Did it bring forth wild grapes?

And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;

And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug,

But there shall come up briars and thorns.

I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it.”

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant.

He looked for justice, but behold, oppression;

For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

Epistle Lesson-Philippians-3:4-14

though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 21:33-46

“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance." So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

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

'The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
This was the LORD'S doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

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Sermon

Text: Matthew 21:33-46

Theme: The Mercy of God calls men and women to the Rock

I. He calls them, who seem determined to build on sand

II. He calls them to give up on all but Christ our Rock

III. And some listened to the warning and stand strong

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LYF Bible Study is continues Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 PM. All youth, 8th grade and above are invited.

ALIS is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by participating in the Altamont Circuit Reformation Rally on October 29, at 5 PM, with a potluck in the ALIS cafeteria. They will also have a food drive for the local food pantry, and a t-shirt contest. Watch the bulletin for details

Faith Lutheran Church-Shumway Annual Soup Supper on Sunday, October 15 from 4-7 PM. See bulletin board for details

Camp Cilca-is seeking Vendors for its first vendor fair to be held during the Homecoming on Saturday, October 28 from 10AM-2PM. Registration is \$15. Call the camp office at 217-487-7497. Also, registration is open for the Camp Cilca Adventure Run 5 K. The race is Saturday, October 28 at 10 AM. Sign up at www.cilca.org/homecoming or call the office number listed above.

“Beautifully Rooted in Christian Care” Lutheran Care Center Dinner/Auction Saturday, November 4, 2017 Effingham Event Center Registration & Silent Auction - 5 p.m., Buffet Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Live Auction - 8 p.m. \$25 per ticket; \$200 per Table for 8 Todd Wachtel, 217-821-9244, & Linda Schmidt, 618-483-6397, have tickets. This year’s proceeds will be used to purchase a commercial washer and dryer. Everyone is welcome to donate items for the silent and live auctions.

Pastor Speers will be on vacation from Thursday afternoon, October 12, through Friday, October 20. Pastor James Wright and Bernard Ross will be available for pastoral care.

Calendar Correction-Owen Hammer is celebrating his birthday on October 11.

Prayers-For Clara Klitzing recovering from surgery; For Lois Whitacre, recovering from a fall this past week; For the family of Robert Ragan, who was called to his eternal rest this past week; For those who have and will be affected by recent weather in Texas, Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Caribbean and those affected by the earthquakes in Mexico; for those suffering from the violence this past week in Las Vegas; For Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran churches who will be calling a pastor this coming Sunday, October 15.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM	2 Kings 23-25
Monday: Voter’s Meeting 7:30 PM	1 Chronicles 1-5
Tuesday: Ladies Aid 7 PM	1 Chronicles 6-10
Wednesday: Joshua Bible Class 10 AM	
LYF 6:30 PM	1 Chronicles 11-13
Thursday:	1 Chronicles 14-16
Friday:	1 Chronicles 17-19
Saturday:	1 Chronicles 20-22

Those participating-

Preacher-Pastor David Speers

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Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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