



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

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*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people  
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*



**LWML SUNDAY 2020**



*“In the Vineyard of the Lord”*

*Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 8:00 am*

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
LWML WEEKEND  
(Contemporary Service)**

**AS WE GATHER**

The vineyard is frequently used in Scripture to denote a special place in God's creation. To have a vineyard and enjoy its fruit is a blessing. When the prophet Isaiah speaks of the goodness of the Lord, he says that God's favored people “shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit” (Isaiah 65:21). Vineyards were planted with a fruitful harvest in mind. We are the Lord's planting, and we eagerly await our harvest home.

**LWML SUNDAY** Fall is the favorite season for many of us. We have blue skies, warm days, cool nights, and summer's humidity has gone. In October, we celebrate LWML Sunday. The materials are based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits. God has given us everything we need to produce fruit and plant the seeds of faith in others. What joy we have knowing that the kingdom of God is ours!

*Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (\*).*

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**THE WELCOME**

Pastor Chris Matthis

**\*OPENING MEDLEY**

*"Christ Is Risen"*

Matt Maher

***Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame;  
We fix our eyes upon the cross,  
And run to Him who showed great love and bled for us,  
Freely You bled, for us***

***Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave!***

***Christ is risen from the dead,  
we are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave!***

***Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
You bow to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold You down.  
In strength You reign;  
Forever let Your church proclaim.***

***Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave!***

***Christ is risen from the dead,  
we are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave!***

***O death! Where is your sting?  
O hell! Where is your victory?  
O church! Come stand in the light!  
The Glory of God has defeated the night***

***O death! Where is your sting?  
O hell! Where is your victory?  
O Church! Come stand in the light!***

**God is not dead He's alive, He's alive!**

**Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave.**

**Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave.**

*"I Will Rise"*

Chris Tomlin

**There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail,  
There's an anchor for my soul I can say – "It is well"**

**Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed;  
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.**

**And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain,  
I will rise on eagles' wings; before my God fall on my knees, and rise, I will rise.**

**There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes,**

**Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed;  
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.**

**And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain,  
I will rise on eagles' wings; before my God fall on my knees, and rise, I will rise.**

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!", "Worthy is the  
Lamb!"**

**I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain,  
I will rise on eagles' wings; before my God fall on my knees,  
and rise, I will rise, I will rise**

## + PREPARATION +

### \*INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and ✠ of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

People: **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

*(The Song of the Vineyard)*

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
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.  
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
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?  
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.  
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.  
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!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 80:7-19*

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Pastor: You brought a vine out of Egypt;

**People: You drove out the nations and planted it.**

Pastor: You cleared the ground for it;

**People: it took deep root and filled the land.**

Pastor: The mountains were covered with its shade,

**People: the mighty cedars with its branches.**

Pastor: It sent out its branches to the sea

**People: and its shoots to the River.**

Pastor: Why then have You broken down its walls,

**People: so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

Pastor: The boar from the forest ravages it,

**People: and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts!

**People: Look down from heaven, and see;**

Pastor: have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted,

**People: and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.**

Pastor: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;

**People: may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!**

Pastor: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,

**People: the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

Pastor: Then we shall not turn back from You;

**People: give us life, and we will call upon Your name!**

Pastor: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

**People: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## **EPISTLE**

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

*(Press on toward the goal of the upward call of Christ.)*

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

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

*(The parable of the Tenants of the Vineyard)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 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.”

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’?”

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

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**



**SERMON SONG**

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

Kristian Stanfill

*I hear the Savior say,  
Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.*

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.  
Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
and melt the heart of stone.*

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

*And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
Jesus died my soul to save,  
my lips shall still repeat*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow*

*O Praise the one who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (Repeat x2)*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.*

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' 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.**

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**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless You and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*SENDING SONG**

*"Lord Reign in Me"*

Brenton Brown

*Over all the earth you reign on high  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
But my one request, Lord my only aim  
Is that you'd reign in me again*

*Lord reign in me, reign in your power  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't you reign in me again*

*Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
Cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't you reign in me again*

*Lord reign in me, reign in your power  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't you reign in me again*

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So won't you reign in me again*

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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