

Old Testament 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!

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, 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 ⁹and 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—¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46

³³[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. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And 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.”

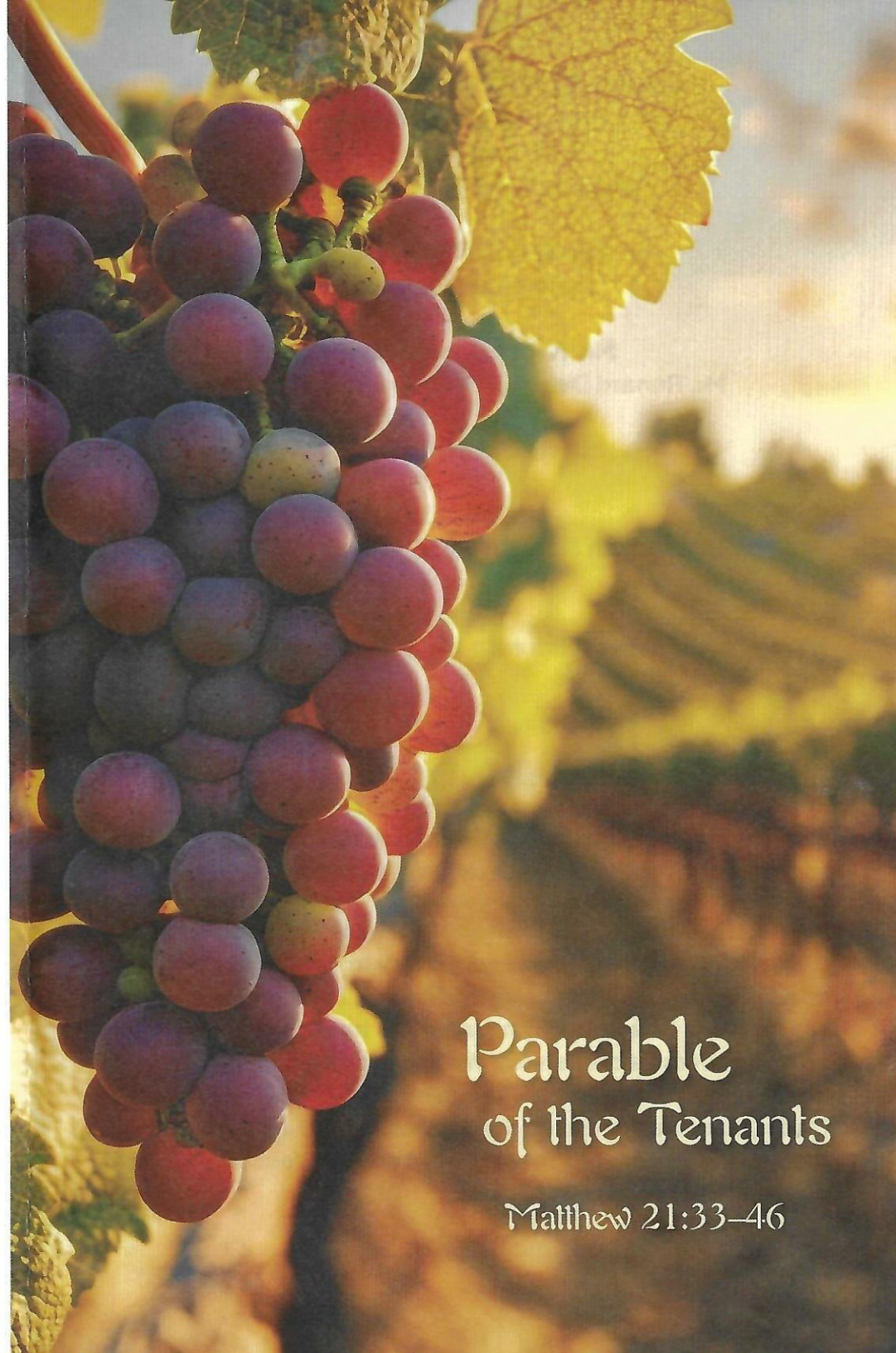
⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

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

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

About the Cover: The wicked tenants thought that by killing the heir, they would gain the vineyard and its fruit. Christ’s parable was about how He, the only Son of God, would be rejected by both His own and the world. Yet the irony is that Christ’s crucifixion at the hands of sinners was actually God’s work and the means to offer freely the fruits of His death and resurrection. By faith, we receive a wonderful gift from God—the inheritance of eternal life through the forgiveness of sins—even though we do not deserve it.



Parable of the Tenants

Matthew 21:33–46

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DIVINE WORSHIP -10AM

LWML SUNDAY

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #525 (1-4)

Divine Service One

Invocation

Confession & Absolution LSB p.151

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present
and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so
that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the
glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

**Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Kyrie, "This is the Feast", The Salutation & Collect p.152-156.

Insert . . . "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (tune LSB #662)

Insert LWML League Pledge

Lessons . . Proverbs 11:10-30 . . . Psalm 100 . . . 1Peter 4:1-12

The Gospel . . . Matthew 5:10-20

Nicene Creed p.158

Insert "Lutheran Women, One and All" (tune LSB #892)

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p.160

Communion (at the altar rail)

Post Communion Collect p.166

Benediction

Hymn . . . "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB #832

Announcements

***If you are visiting with us today please fill out our visitor card
so that we can inform you of upcoming events or respond to a
request.**

LUTHERAN WOMEN, ONE AND ALL

1. Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.
2. Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.
3. Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

1. "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.

Refrain:

Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name.

3. "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.

Refrain

2. "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.

Refrain

THE LEAGUE 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.

Mount Olivet's Communion Statement

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all who have been baptized into the Christian faith; who have received instruction concerning the Sacrament and have been admitted to the Lord's table; who repents of their sins; and who seek the forgiveness and strength to live the new life which the Lord's Supper gives. Members of Lutheran congregations in fellowship with us are welcome to share together with us in the blessings of the Sacrament of the Altar. Others who wish to receive Holy Communion or have questions about our Lutheran understanding of this Sacrament, are invited to have conversation with the Pastor Johnson after the service (if he is available) or by contacting him to set up an appointment. Also, anyone, child or adult, who wishes may come forward at the time of the distribution to receive a blessing.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____

Texts _____

Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

What Response Does God Want? _____