

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today: Blessing of the Quilts for Lutheran World Relief
Oct 22 – Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook-off (3PM)**

INVOCATION

**P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 80:7, 18*

**P: Restore us, O God of hosts;
C: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**P: Then we shall not turn back from You;
C: give us life, and we will call upon Your name!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

**P: Holy and gracious God,
C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

**P: 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.
C: Amen.**

**P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

“Ancient of Days” CityAlight

Though the nations rage Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King Reigning over all
So I will not fear For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days (Chorus)

Though I may not see What the future brings
I will watch and wait For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (Chorus)

LITANY FOR THE DEDICATION OF QUILTS (Psalm 145:15-16) Pastor Daniel

P: The eyes of all look to you, O God,

C: And you give them their food in due season.

L: You open your hand,

C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

P: Anywhere your children suffer from heat and cold

C: their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: Where life is war-torn and brims with strife and stress,

C: their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: In lands parched with drought and abounding in hunger,

C: their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

**P: Where the earth is broken with quakes or wrecked with wind and wave,
C: their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.**

**P: Where poverty is a prison and survival fills the daily hours,
C: their eyes dear God, are lifted to you.**

**P: Here too, where lives are filled with bounty,
C: Our eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.**

**P: You open your hand,
C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

**P: You open your hand and provide fabric and skill
to provide quilts for relief from sun and shield against cold;
C: God, take our hands in yours.**

**P: As this is the season of their need, Lord God,
C: By grace it's the season due for our serving.**

**P: So bless these quilts, Gracious God, as you have blessed our eyes,
our hands and our hearts in their making,
C: and bless those who receive them with life secure, sustainable and beloved. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P: Let us pray.
Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.
Though Your Son Jesus is "the stone that the builders rejected," help us to trust in
Him who is the cornerstone whom You have given for our salvation. Because we
know this is Your doing, let it be marvelous in our eyes! Through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
C: Amen.**

**P: THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost is from the
Prophet Isaiah, chapter 5. *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 briers 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!**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

L: He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33–46

(The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“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'? (Ps. 118:22)

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.

SERMON "A Little Verse with a Big Message?" Matt 21:33-46 Pastor Vern

'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
 and it is marvelous in our eyes'? (Ps. 118:22)

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Awesome Creator, we the Church, are the vineyard of the Your planting. We thank You for giving us continual nurture through the Means of Grace; a Baptism to cleanse us from all sin, and the life-sustaining food of the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus through Bread and Wine to sustain us in faith and that we might bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God. Keep us ever in Your grace; Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of the nations, You give us government and leaders to give structure to society. Grant wisdom to those who lead us. Keep safe those who put their lives on the line to protect the innocent and vulnerable; our police, fire-fighters, paramedics, doctors and nurses. Curb the unrighteous who bring violence into our homes, schools, communities and nations and turn them to Jesus who promises grace and forgiveness. Protect Your people from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of the Church, we pray for our congregation in this place and for all who assemble to worship You and who go forth to work in Your vineyard. Help us not to take for granted all You have done for us lest we become indifferent and idle toward working in Your vineyard. Guide the selection of our future pastor that whoever You have chosen, he may come to speak Your Word, lead us in Your paths of righteousness and embolden us and work with us to bear the good fruit of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of Compassion, we lift up our petitions for those who are sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul. Restore with Your healing touch those whom we now call out in the hour of their need... (Pause). Remember those we have forgotten with Your mercy and give us the grace to remember so that we may serve them in the power You have given us. Grant to us all patience in our afflictions, comfort in our pain, and grace to be sustained now and to everlasting life through Jesus; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of all Joy, we ask Your blessing upon the birthday celebrations of: Sandie Rust, Carlin Schefelker, Jazlyn Heiden, Theresa Longhorn, Ashton Gorney, Melodie Heiden, Joetta Witkowski, Heidi Brady, Hannah Williams, Jessica Carron, Muriel Mayer, Rochelle Monaco, and Zachary Monaco. Lord of the Ages, guide these loved ones on their journey of life and give them the strength and courage to overcome any challenges that come their way. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, as You blessed the couple at the Wedding at Cana with Your PRESENCE, we ask for Your blessing upon: Pastor Perry & Diane Schefelker and Joe & Marcie Monaco. Bless their union and guide them to fulfill the plans You have for them. Bless also the children You brought forth from their union, and give to each a portion of the inheritance of Your presence in their hearts, that they may know the greatest blessing of belonging to the Family of God. Fill their celebrations this week with love, joy, and all the blessings You have in store for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Replace our crumbling, worldly foundations with Jesus, the cornerstone upon Whom we have been given a safe foundation to build our lives. Make us ever ready to stand firm on Him so that on the Last Day, we may receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who gives us His grace with words to bind all our petitions, saying:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

All: 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD smile upon you and + give you peace. **C:** Amen.

HYMN No. 912

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place Of present grace
And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest To endless rest
Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise Thee hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song, Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!