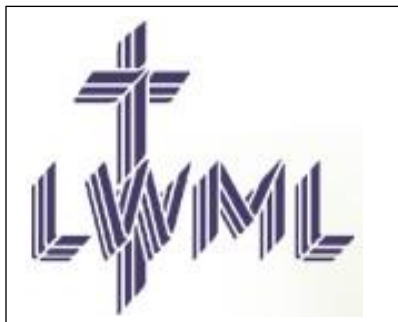




# DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting Two*

*Standing in the Shadow of the Cross*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday October 4, 2026



***Please stand***

**LWML SUNDAY**

Opening Hymn: LSB # 537 “Beautiful Savior”

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.

5. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Greeting and Announcements

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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

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

***Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.***

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

**C 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 neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve Your  
present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

**mercy on us. Forgive us and 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.**

**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.**

Hymn of Praise: AAHH # 182 “Lord, Be Glorified”

1. In my life Lord Be glorified, be glorified, In my life, Lord Be glorified today.
2. In Your church, Lord Be glorified, be glorified In Your church, Lord Be glorified today.
3. In my heart, Lord Be glorified, be glorified In my heart, Lord Be glorified today.

***The Sunday school students are released to their teachers.***

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 118:22-24; antiphon: Ps. 118:1*

**P** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**P** The stone that the builders rejected

**C has become the cornerstone.**

**P** This is the Lord's doing;

**C it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C for his steadfast love endures forever!**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.**

***Please be seated***

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> 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? <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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!

**☩** This is the Word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

*Ps. 91:11; 103:1*

**☩ He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is in me, bless his holy name.**

## **Epistle Reading**

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Special Music - SOTC Choir "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Please Stand**

Hymn: # 98 TFBF "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:33-46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> "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. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> 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." <sup>42</sup> 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'? <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Please be seated***

Hymn: LSB # 826 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the master calls you; Rich reward he offers free.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I. Send me, send me"?
2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say he died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.
3. If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.
4. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying And the master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Sermon: “A People Producing Its Fruits”

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46

***Please stand.***

Apostles' Creed

**G 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.**

***Men please be seated, women please come forward:***

Installation of LWML Officers

Recognition of LWML/Presentation of the Mite Offering (mite box presented)

**P** In thanksgiving to God for His mercies shown to us in Jesus Christ, and for the opportunities for service in His kingdom through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Let us speak together the LWML Pledge:

**C** 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 or 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 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 erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

**P** Father in heaven, bless these mites offered for the furthering of Your Kingdom.

Offering *(To all in attendance: Please sign the registration booklet in your pew)*

***Please stand***

Offertory

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

**P** Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the front to pray  
Hymn: TFBF # 247 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**C** Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**P** You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers