

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services and materials can be found weekly at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

October 15/17/18, 2020

Pentecost 20

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 21:33-43

What Can We Learn from Sour Grapes in a Vineyard?

God's patience is unparalleled

God's people produce fruit

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** *Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located.* If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. *For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.*
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large prints are available on the info center.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.
- After the service, please visit outside. Thank you!

Ushers this weekend are teams 9 (J. Laudolff) and 11 (C. Williams). Next weekend (Oct. 24/25) teams 12 (J. White) and 14 (D. Babler) will usher. If you'd like to join an ushering team in 2021, please let the pastors know sometime soon. Thank you!

God's Word this week: Whose responsibility is it to care for the Lord's vineyard, the Church? Rightly answered, it's all of us who love the Lord and produce abundant fruits of faith in his service. Conversely, there are those who reject their Savior and live for self. In the case of such individuals, invariably the judgment of God is not far behind.

October 15 - 25, 2020

10/15	Thu	6:30pm	Worship with communion
10/17	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion
10/18	Sun	9:00am	Worship with communion
		10:00am	Voters Meeting (in church)
		10:00am	Bible Study (in the fellowship hall)
10/19	Mon	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
10/21	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
10/22	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
10/24	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
10/25	Sun	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study
		10:00am	Bible Information Class

Other worship opportunities:

- Online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com
- *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1450 KFIZ
- *St. Paul's, Appleton*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1280 WNAM
- *St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam*, 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV
- *Time of Grace* (TV) on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.

For safety, attendance is currently limited to about 90 worshipers per service. Please sign up at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com via *Sign-up Genius* or call 922-1080. If you *forget* to sign up, please come and worship anyway. We will continue our summer worship schedule through at least October: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

Bible Study for folks of all ages takes place on Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am. We are looking at interesting facts about Bible life, times, and places to help the Scriptures come alive as we read and hear them.

Wearing masks: The Lord directs us to obey earthly authorities unless they tell us to disobey God's commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29), so we are following the state requirement and wearing masks inside. Please remember that some do not wear masks because of health or age exemptions. See also 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Offerings: For those not yet attending because of the pandemic, here are some options for sharing the gospel with your gifts:

- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937;
- Drop it off in the lock box post near the office entrance;
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus."

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$12,964.36; Missions-\$1,045; Improvement Fund-\$133; Mortgage Fund-\$1,398; Organ/Piano-\$23; WLA Building-\$100 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$3,317.71). Facility Use gift: \$600 (Junior Vikings). Other receipts: Preschool-\$222; Extended Care-\$330. **Memorials:**

Stewardship Moment: The Bible says that we give to Jesus when we give to others. We serve God when we serve others. Paul writes, "Serve one another in love....As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers (Galatians 5:13; 6:10). And Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). (*Stewardship*, Arno Wolgramm, © 2001, NPH, page 33)

A Voters Meeting will be held this Sunday, Oct. 18th at 10:00am in the church sanctuary. Included on the agenda is the ratification of our new mortgage terms, election of 2021 officers, and extending a divine call for an associate pastor.

Bible Information Class (BIC) for those interested in membership, or for those who would like to refresh their Bible knowledge, takes place Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. (This weekend it is cancelled because of the Voters Meeting.)

WLA purchased 120 acres of land west of Fond du Lac, between Hwy 23 and 000, for the future location of the school. WLA has provided Christian secondary education for the past 95 years. It exists to glorify God by nurturing students to live as the Lord's children in their families, congregations, and communities.

Secretarial Position Available Beginning Mid-December: St. Paul's is looking for resumes from members interested in our church and school secretary position. The position will pay \$14 hourly and offer 40 hours/week during the school year and 30 hours/week in the summer. The position will require data entry & some computer skills, a friendly personality, the ability and desire to learn various church and school programs, and the ability to keep all office information and communication confidential. More information and a fuller listing of duties can be found online or across from the office. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the church office by the end of October. Candidates best fitting needs of the position will be interviewed in November. Our hope is for the position to begin mid-December to allow some training with Karen before she retires at the end of the year.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments.

Have you visited wels.net lately? Do you ever wonder how your Sunday offerings help support the work of WELS? Go to wels.net to discover stories about the many WELS world and home mission fields; explore which ministries can support you and your congregation; enjoy daily devotions and Bible readings; and subscribe to stay up to date on the latest news from your synod. Visit us online today and save us as a Favorite or a Bookmark!

Faith is the ladle by which we draw the water of life from the reservoir of God's grace; the ring by which we are married to Christ, our heavenly Bridegroom (Hosea 2:19); the key that opens to us the gate of heaven; the hand by which we take the gracious gifts of our Father; the shield with which we extinguish the fiery arrows of Satan (Eph. 6:16); the armor in which we are enabled to withstand the evil day (Eph. 6:12). As the Lord put it via the author of Hebrews: "Faith is being sure about what we hope for; being convinced about things we do not see" (Heb. 11:1, EHV).

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?" ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Philippians 3:12-21

I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Matthew 21:33-43

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. ³⁸"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.