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**The
Parable
of the
Workers in the Vineyard**

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

Divine Service with Communion each Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Communion each Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)

Adult and High School Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Restrooms can be found between the parish hall and the entryway.

Interested in membership at Grace? Pastor Bremer would consider it a privilege to speak with you. Please fill out a pew card expressing your interest or see him after Divine Service.

Radio: Grace, along with St. Paul's, Doniphan, can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on KRGI—1430 a.m.

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In faithfulness to God's Word we celebrate the Lord's Supper in every Saturday and Sunday Divine Service. Unlike Baptism this Sacrament is to be received again and again for forgiveness and the strengthening of our Christian faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word we practice closed communion. Our faith is not exclusive but God says that we should have unity of faith and doctrine (which Communion expresses). As we receive His gift today we would ask all visitors and guests to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they speak to Pastor Bremer. We also ask that those members who have not communed in the past 6 months to also speak to the pastor before communing once again. For further instruction please turn to Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 in the hymnal. These questions/answers are for those who desire to receive the sacrament.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *is sung by the Congregation*

*[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,**

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

*who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,**

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?"¹⁸"Everyone who falls

on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

***A special thank you to Pastor Armon for leading us in worship this morning.**

The Young Adults Group will be serving dinner before church from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. This week will be soup and dessert. Also, please try to have your youth and food here by 5:15 p.m. so we are ready to serve by 5:30. Thank You!

ATTENTION: Zion Lutheran School in Worms is once again selling their famous Bierocks (runzas). This is the schools biggest fundraiser of the year. The cost is \$2.00 for a plain Bierock & \$2.50 for a Bierock with cheese. Please let Mike, Kyla or Carreagan Endorf know if you would like to order some.

Orphan Grain Train thanks all of you who contributed to the shipment of items to Latvia. We were able to give them \$260 to spend on items that they needed to round out their shipment. Grace members and money from the Thrivent Action Grant allowed us to donate approximately 25 packages of new underwear, 50 wash clothes, a few towels, pillowcases, sheets, many hygiene items and school supplies for the shipment. Great teamwork once again!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Trinity Lutheran School, would like to extend an invitation to our church congregations for this year's school carnival on Sunday, April 3rd. Games and Silent Auction will run from 4-7pm. Our 8th grade students will be serving a meal from 4-6:30pm.

We are also looking for donations for our silent auction. If you or someone you know have a business or special talent, please prayerfully consider a donation for our silent auction. Items can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your consideration.



If you would like to place an Easter Lily on the alter for Easter, please fill out this form and place \$15 in an "Easter Lily" envelope located on the counter in the narthex & put on the desk in Amy's office. **We have 8 left to purchase.**

Name _____

To the Glory of God



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