

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**LWML Sunday**  
October 4, 2020

**“KINGDOM PEOPLE PRODUCE KINGDOM FRUIT”**

Matthew 21:33-46

Where will we find the best fruit? Where do we expect to encounter fruitful people?  
Jesus answers the question.

**Rejection of Christ – Removal of Kingdom Blessings**

- “ ... they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.”  
Matthew 21:39 Matthew 27:31
  
- “... the kingdom of God will be taken away ... he on whom it falls will be *crushed*.”  
Matthew 21:43a-44 Matthew 25:41

**Christ received by faith – Fruitful life in the Vineyard**

- Kingdom life is a gift.  
Matthew 21:43b
  
- The death of Jesus grants new life and purpose.  
Romans 5:10, 7:4
  
- The Father anticipates a fruitful harvest. He makes it possible.  
John 15:5 Colossians 1:10
  
- “Every healthy tree bears good fruit.” Matthew 7:17
  - ❖ LWML – Texas District Project Grants
  
  - ❖ Mission of the Month – Honduras FORO Church Planting

## FAITH FAMILY AT PRAYER

*A Resource for Home Devotions*

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### Readings from Holy Scripture

*The following lessons may be read in the morning and evening, or in any way that works best for your schedule.*

Sunday	Deut. 4:21-40	Matthew 8:1-17
Monday	Deut. 5:1-21	Matthew 8:18-34
Tuesday	Deut. 5:22-6:9	Matthew 9:1-17
Wednesday	Deut. 6:10-25	Matthew 9:18-38
Thursday	Deut. 7:1-19	Matthew 10:1-23
Friday	Deut. 8:1-20	Matthew 10:24-42
Saturday	Deut. 9:1-22	Matthew 11:1-19

### SMALL CATECHISM THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven.**

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

**The Second Petition**

**Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

## DAILY PRAYER

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS and OURSELVES

*Sunday:* The joy of the resurrection, for godly worship and preaching of God's Word.

*Monday:* Faith to live in Holy Baptism; vocation, daily work, the unemployed, our neighbors, government, peace.

*Tuesday:* from temptation; the addicted and despairing; the oppressed; those struggling with sins.

*Wednesday:* Marriage, family, single parents, schools, universities, seminaries.

*Thursday:* Church, pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, faithful use of the Sacraments.

*Friday:* Preaching of the cross of our Lord in our community and the world.

*Saturday:* Faithfulness; the dying; those fallen away; open hearts for worship.

### LORD'S PRAYER

### CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

For Next Sunday:

**Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:4-13;  
Matthew 22:1-14**