



**October 8, 2023**  
***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## LBW Setting 2

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: “‘Nun danket’ (Crueger) with ‘Promenade’ (Mussorgsky)” (arr. Berry)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

\*THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*THE KYRIE



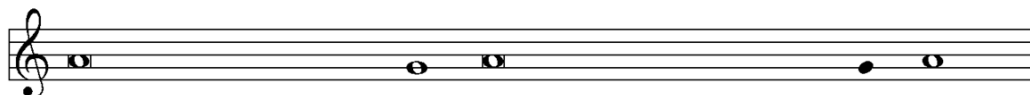
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



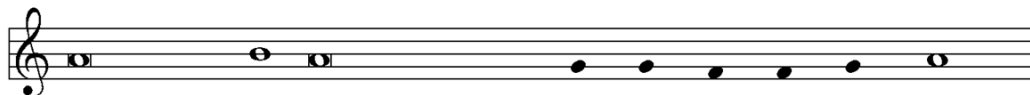
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

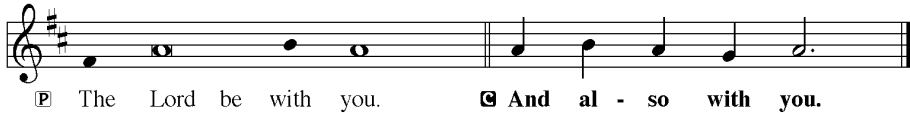


you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

## \*THE SALUTATION



## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people 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 expected 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 it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; 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 people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

### THE PSALM

Psalms 80:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born 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>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard 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 one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this 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 heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rhonda Gaede

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <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 get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him

the produce at the harvest time.” <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 amazing 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 that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Bonnie Flowers

\*HYMN: “My Song Is Love Unknown” vs. 1-4 & 7

LBW 94



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is all their breath, and for his death they  
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!



## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## THE OFFERING

Piano Solo (8:30): "A Vineyard Grows" (K. Lee Scott)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Prayer of St. Francis" (Allen Pote) Peggy Mabry, Accompanist

## \*THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -  
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a fermata over the first note. The second staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The third staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a fermata over the first note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of Grace, hear our prayer.

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

## \*THE BLESSING

### \*THE SENDING HYMN "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

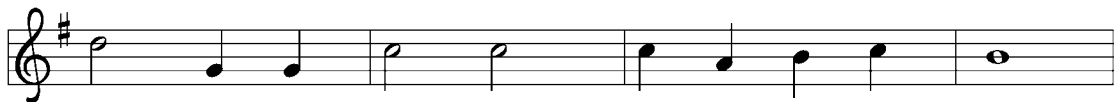
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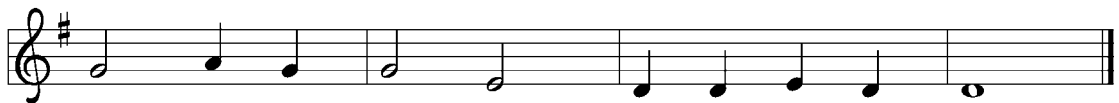
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.  
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;  
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.  
that in this house have called up - on your name.  
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.  
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.  
Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

## THE DISMISSAL

### THE POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "HAMBURG" (Fields)

# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Referenced during Prayers of the Church

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God from Tim & Kari Pitchko in celebration of Greyson, Colin and Noah's baptismal birthdays.

**A NURSERY**, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**THANK YOU** to Bonnie Flowers for preaching and Andrew King for leading services of worship today. Pastor Keith Cook will preach and preside at services next Sunday, October 15.

**PASTOR KRIS** is away until October 16 for Continuing Education and to attend the Southeastern Synod Leadership Conference. For pastoral care please call the church office at (256) 721-0041.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Love the smell of fresh coffee brewing? Come join the Fellowship Coffee team! A coordinator is still needed. Interim coordinator: Bobbey Huwaldt.

**2024 PLANNING for MISSION** Commitment Cards are being collected again today. If you need a card, one is at the end of each pew. They may be placed in the offering plate today or mailed to the Church Office. *Thank you!* You may also complete this form securely online at the link or use the QR code. <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/2024-giving-pledge>

**MUSIC AT MESSIAH PRESENTS "THE BROPHY SISTERS"** at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. The concert is free, and the public is invited. Linnea (violin) and Maeve (piano) will be presenting works by Bach, Amy Beach, Prokofiev, and H. Leslie Adams. Donations at the door support the Series along with sponsorships and program advertising. Information is at the Welcome Center.

**MLC'S HANDMADE MARKET is Oct 21-22 in the Parish Hall.** All sales support the three schools MLC sponsors through *Lunches for Learning* in Honduras. Come shop handmade crafts, jewelry, household décor, kitchen items, jams, and more. Sale is 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturday, and in between services to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. If you have crafts to donate, please contact Elaine Shriver.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - Single Toothbrushes **FOOD PANTRY** Cake Mix/Frosting

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|---|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b><u>Pastor</u></b>                            | Kristine Schroeder | <b><u>Acolytes</u></b>     | Hadley Oltmans (8:30)           |
| <b><u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u></b>        | Randall Fields     |                            | Hannah Seitz (11:00)            |
| <b><u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u></b>   | Claire Strand      | <b><u>Greeters</u></b>     | (8:30)                          |
| <b><u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u></b> | Meredith Kilby     |                            | (11:00)                         |
| <b><u>Office Managers</u></b>                   | Bobbey Huwaldt     | <b><u>Lectors</u></b>      | Matthew Kokan (8:30)            |
|   | Meredith Kilby     |                            | Laura Peterson (11:00)          |
| <b><u>Nursery Attendant</u></b>                 | Katrina Strand     | <b><u>Ushers</u></b>       | Mark Thompson, Glen Long (8:30) |
|   |                    |                            | Tom & Paulette McNamara (11:00) |
|   |                    | <b><u>Cantor</u></b>       | Mike Mabry                      |
|   |                    | <b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>  | Linda Peirce (8:30)             |
|   |                    |                            | Debbie Neely (11:00)            |
|   |                    | <b><u>Stream Team</u></b>  | Glen Long (8:30)                |
|   |                    |                            | Claire Davis, Bob Davis (11:00) |
|   |                    | <b><u>Flower Guild</u></b> | Beverly Berry                   |

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## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, October 8**

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:45 a.m. - Choir Practice
- 12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

### **Tuesday, October 10**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, October 11**

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Menu: Cabbage Bundles
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, October 12**

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

### **Saturday, October 14**

- 9:00 a.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - *Music at Messiah Concert Series* presents the Brophy Sisters

### **Sunday, October 15**

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Practice
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *LBW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *Band Led Service* with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**October 21 & 22** - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*

**October 22** - Acolyte Training

**October 29** - Town Hall Meeting / Chili Cook Off/Halloween Party

**November 4** - German Food Festival 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

September 24 Online: - 80

October 1 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 61, 11:00 a.m. - 35

Give Online!

