



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, A+D 2023



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

LSB 151

- 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, 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.**

Absolution

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- 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

- P** Oh 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 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
C **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation 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 unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



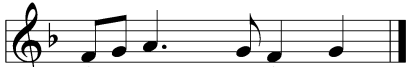
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

A The Old Testament Reading for The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.

²He 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.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and men of Judah,
 judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What 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?

⁵And 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.

⁶I 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.

⁷For 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!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle*Philippians 3:4b–14*

- A** The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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.

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 156*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel*Matthew 21:33–46***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said:] "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. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They 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."

⁴²Jesus 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'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And 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.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

sts. 1,2,4,7

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33–46

Sermon Title: Repentant faith turns to God and God alone.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C 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.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

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- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And al - so with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



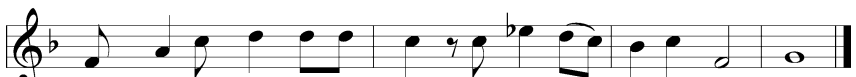
C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer*162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

801 How Great Thou Art

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1–5

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

G Amen.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and

blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1–4

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Thanksgiving Blessings

Dear Helpers,

Thank you for your generous donations to the Social Ministry Food support program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need. Gift cards are the best way to provide this support. This allows families the opportunity to purchase the foods of their choice for their family traditions and needs.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry. These donations will be used to purchase gift cards from Aldi and Jewel Food Stores. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry



Funeral services for Gene Allen will be held on October 11, 2023 Trinity Lutheran Church 2505 Indiana Ave Lansing, IL 60438

Visitation 10am until 11am Services at 11 am with a small luncheon at church directly after the service.



REFORMATION
It's *Still* All About
Jesus

*Faith, Fellowship, Food, Friends
and Family!*

Reformation Potluck

*It is the tradition here at St. Paul's
to have a Potluck lunch with a
German flair!*

*Bratwursts, Hot Dogs, Buns and
Beverages will be provided!*

*Please bring a favorite Side dish or
Dessert to share!*

(if it's not German, shhhh we won't tell)

Music and Games for all ages!

Sunday October 29, 2023





The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

October 8, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Donald Pearson
Joe Pearson
Cherlyn Plaia
Betsy Plecas
Matthew Plecas

BIRTHDAYS

Madelaine Zander, 10/13
Payton Vandommelen, 10/14

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Chris Carr, 10/10
Dana Krieger, 10/11
Richard Reichert, 10/11
Ray Zander, 10/11
Diana Carr, 10/12
Tracy Gribbin, 10/12
Edward Hoeksema Jr., 10/14

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Gene Allen a memorial gift has been made to the General Fund by Janet Sanders.



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday October 11, to review *Kitty My Rib* by E. Jane Mall. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUE.org: Study Hebrews 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Joshua 16-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear Dr. Russell Dawn from Concordia Chicago speak on The Coffee Hour about his journey to church work and how CUC forms church workers (10/13 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

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We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos>. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at <https://www.splcms.org/worship>.

“These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.”
Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon,
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The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone ...
Matthew 21:42

H W F K F X X L K S C J J T G
 A F A W F D Q L I E R L I M S
 R R Z L V P A I L R E A V K E
 V U H F L A L R L V J S U I Y
 E I S A Q R A P E A E T I A L
 S T O R F A N N D N C V G D R
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LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

October 1st Attendance 22, 22 Communed, 2 Online

Basket	\$106.00	Weekly Missions	20.00
Envelopes	698.00	Church Maint	20.00
General Fund	25.00	Social Ministry	90.00
Budgeted Total	829.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$130.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
Short	\$-404.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Oct 8, 9:30 AM	Sun, Oct 15, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Fluechtling	Pastor Dobberstein
Usher		Louis Sella
Lay Reader	Tracy Middleton	Dana Krieger

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



GENERAL FUND