



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

Calvary Lutheran Church

# + THE GATHERING +

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

### *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; Come thou al - so un - to me;  
3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, Here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, Let me keep thy gift di - vine;

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Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God, who an - swers prayer.  
Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, May thy Word still o'er me shine

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Oh, how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light and grace!  
To my heart, on, en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now!  
So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
Let thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near thee  
While thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for al our woes.

## INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.*

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.**

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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good, Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD+

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike

### THE FIRST READING

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the fifth chapter.

**1** 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 people 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 nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he

delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80

*Behold and Tend This Vine – Ray Makeever*

*Refrain/Congregation*

Look down from heav - en O God; be -

hold and tend this vine. Look down from heav - en O

God; be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ and tend this vine.

### *Verses/Cantor*

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it. *Refrain*

You prepared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. *Refrain*

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.  
Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? *Refrain*

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted. *Refrain*

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## THE SECOND READING

## Philippians 3:4-14

The Second Reading is from Philippians, the third chapter.

**4** though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

**5** circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; **6** as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. **7** But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. **8** What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. **10** I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. **12** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **13** Brothers and sisters, 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.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**33** "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 moved to another place. **34** When 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 cornerstone; 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. **44** Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." **45** When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus'



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)**

**P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .**

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ THE DISTRIBUTION +**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

+ SENDING +

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*How Firm A Foundation*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Pastor**

Reverend Michael Middaugh

### **Minister of Music**

Brian Priebe

### **Organist/Pianist**

Toku Kawata

### **Drums**

Paul Maxfield

### **Flute**

Keturah Keihl

### **Musicians**

Nancy Dydak

Lori Schwartz



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