

# The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – October 3, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship  
Sunday – October 4, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed  
10:45 am. Worship



“My Beloved Had a Vineyard”

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## † Call to Worship †

### Hymn # 912 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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

#### Invocation

LSB 203

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 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 Alt.

**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 failed to do. 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

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

**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 †

### Psalm 64:1-10

**P** <sup>1</sup>Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;

**C** preserve my life from dread of the enemy.

**P** <sup>2</sup>Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,

**C** from the throng of evildoers,

**P** <sup>3</sup>who whet their tongues like swords,

**C** who aim bitter words like arrows,

**P** <sup>4</sup>shooting from ambush at the blameless,

**C** shooting at him suddenly and without fear.

**P** <sup>5</sup>They hold fast to their evil purpose;  
**C** **they talk of laying snares secretly,**  
**P** thinking, who can see them?  
**C** <sup>6</sup>**They search out injustice,**  
**P** saying, “We have accomplished a diligent search.”  
**C** **For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep!**  
**P** <sup>7</sup>But God shoots his arrow at them;  
**C** **they are wounded suddenly.**  
**P** <sup>8</sup>They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them;  
**C** **all who see them will wag their heads.**  
**P** <sup>9</sup>Then all mankind fears;  
they tell what God has brought about  
**C** **and ponder what he has done.**  
**P** <sup>10</sup>Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD  
and take refuge in him!  
**C** **Let all the upright in heart exult!**  
**All** **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.**

**This Is the Feast**

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155*

*Refrain*



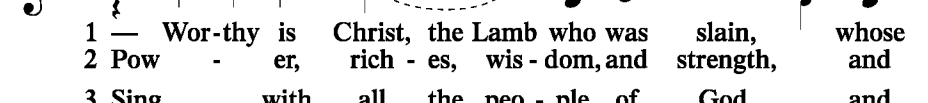
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



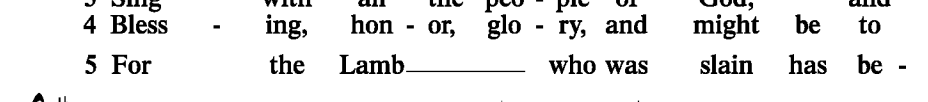
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.




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-



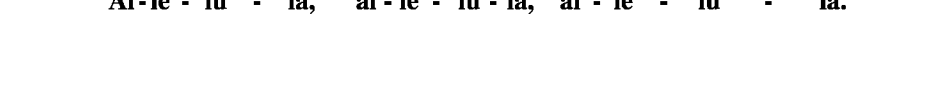
blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



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.

## Old Testament Reading: 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;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men 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 looked for 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 briers and thorns shall grow up;

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 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

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<sup>4</sup>though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew 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>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, 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 <sup>9</sup>and 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—<sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not 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. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, 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, <sup>14</sup>I 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.

### Alleluia and Verse

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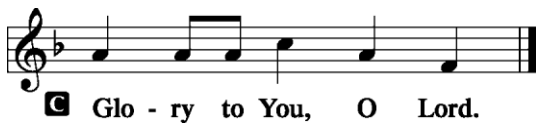


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>[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.*

<sup>34</sup>*When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <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 have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’”*

<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 marvelous 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 producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”*

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

## Hymn # 564 "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."  
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,  
Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
That we confess.

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## Sermon "Surely Not Us!"; Then the Surprise" Matthew 21:33-46

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn # 564:6 “Christ Sits at God's Right Hand”**

6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing  
Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
For endless days.

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Responses:**

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

**Final Petition:**

**P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

**Hymn # 680:1 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.

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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Hymn # 680:2 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, ...  
 Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 209

**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 209

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Hymn # 680:3 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.

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**Thanksgiving**

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**A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, ...

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Benediction**

LSB 166 Numbers 6:24–26

**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 680:4-5 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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