



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

October 4, 2020

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.

October 4th is also commemorated as the feast day for Francis of Assisi, the Renewer of the Church, died 1226.

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another, and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

F. S. Pierpoint/John Rutter

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; he decrees of the Lord are sure making wise the simple;

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to
you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

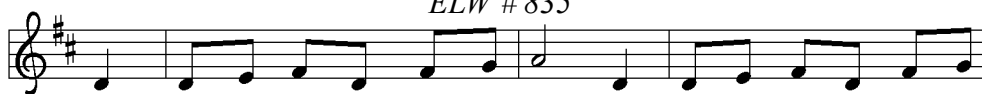
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW # 835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Dismissal Song

God of the Sparrow

Jaroslav Vajda/ Carl Schalk

*God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?*

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to them right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

*Please stand
as you are able.*



Reading

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable
to the religious
leaders who are
plotting his death,
revealing that their
plans will, ironically,
bring about the
fulfillment of scripture.*

Jesus said to the people:] ³³“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 watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 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 get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” 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 amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore 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. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostle’s Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

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1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

Prayers of the Church

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen



Greeting of Peace

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

C: And also with you.

*After the greeting, please **share a word** of peace with those around you.*

✠ Offering ✠

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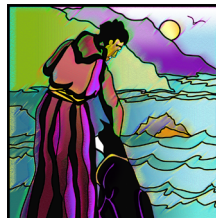
Please be seated.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis, 1182-1226

Sebastian Temple and Mark Hayes

*Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You
Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy
Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of Your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life*



Offertory

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

✠ Meal ✠

*We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set,
and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by
the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

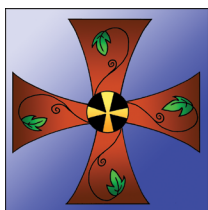
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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. For give 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.



Invitation to Communion

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

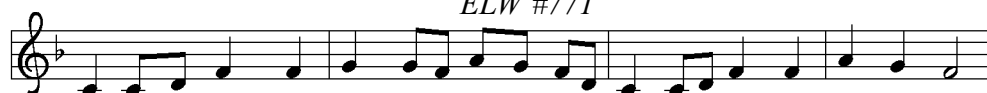
C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW #771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Sending Hymn

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Heart of Peace

Mons Leidvin Takle b. 1942

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.

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WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again —
for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4	9:30 am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>Sanctuary
	10:45 am	<i>In-Person & Online Coffee Hour</i> Church Patio/Zoom
	10:45 am	<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>Church Patio
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5	7:00 pm	<i>AA</i>Patio/Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6	9:15 am	<i>Prayer Ministry</i> Zoom
	7:00 pm	<i>Men's AA Group</i>Patio/Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7	10:00 am	<i>Bible Study</i> Zoom
	12:00 pm	<i>Staff Meeting</i> Zoom
	4:00 pm	<i>Confirmation</i>Patio/Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8	6:30 pm	<i>Growlers & Theology</i> Church Patio
	7:00 pm	<i>Men's AA</i>SS Rooms
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11	9:30 am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>Sanctuary
	10:45 am	<i>In-Person & Online Coffee Hour</i> Church Patio/Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Bruce Kuehn, Jim Jodie, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne** and **Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Mary McCarthy**, friend of Nancy McCutcheon; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe, **Peggy Wagner**, friend of the congregation, the **Mahon Family**, sister of Kay Christianson, the **John Hanson** family.

Blessing of the Animals



All are welcome to join us after worship at **10:30 on October 4** for the annual blessing of the animals. You can bring live and/or your huggable favorite plush animal. We've added a service project to support the Animal Humane Society this year. If your family is interested in making some easy projects at home to bring to the event, contact [Diane LaMere](#) for details and supplies.

Growlers & Theology

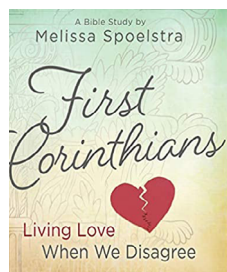
The next gathering will be **Thursday, October 8th** at **6:30pm** on the **Church Patio**.



Women's Bible Study

Our next sessions will be online via **Zoom**, on **October 15th** at **7:00pm**.

Contact [Deb Gilroy](#) if you would like to be added to our participant list.



★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ★

Cindy Huttner 10.5 Brenda Weigel 10.6
Peyton Berkland 10.10

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



Returning to In-Person Worship

Members are invited to attend following the [September 2020 In-Person Worship Protocol](#).

Virtual Coffee Hour

If you are interested in participating in a virtual coffee hour after Worship on **Sundays**, contact [Michelle McCreery](#).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Haug leads a virtual Bible study by **Zoom** for the regular **10:00 am Wednesday** morning Bible study group. If you would like to participate, please contact [Pastor Haug](#). He will send you an invitation and a link to the group meeting.



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