



18TH SUNDAY *AFTER* PENTECOST
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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,” sings Isaiah in the Old Testament Reading. Note that Israel, the vineyard, belongs to the Lord of hosts, not to Israel. What a hard lesson for our Old Testament forebears to learn! When Jesus used that text (and today’s Psalm) as the basis for His timely parable, the truth didn’t sink in. The workers in the vineyard wanted to own the vine and its wine, and Jesus’ hearers wanted to control Israel as if it were their own. “Rubbish,” Paul virtually yells in his epistle. Everything is worthless compared to knowing Christ. Why? Because “Christ Jesus has made me His own.” To belong to Christ, by the grace of God, is all that we need. In the process we find that we belong here, within God’s vineyard, until by His upward call we find that we are in His presence forever.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a “Family Church,” we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God’s forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the “Fellowship Pad” in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!



GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

❖ **HYMN** "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

❖ **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen.** [Matthew 28:19b]

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.** [1 John 1:8-9]

+ *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.*

[John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God in the Highest*





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.

❖ PRAYER

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.
- C** **Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation;**
- P** *through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:00)

Deacon Lynn Waldeck

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 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. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 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? 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. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 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!

- R** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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 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--that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 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. 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA**

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

❖ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 21:33-46

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

"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. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 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." 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'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 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 OF THE DAY**

“The Tree of Life”

Insert

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

+ *Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle* +

❖ **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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A *Lord, in your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

+ *Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time* +

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00)

“My Crown of Creation”

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My crown of creation, you were there at the start, when I dreamed of a world, you were there in my heart, you were made for the center of the garden I planned, your name was forever written on my hand. *Take heart, the best is yet to be! If you can see what you mean to me, you will know the truth, and it will make you free, once you see, my child what you mean to me.* You left me to wander, and the pain began; imagine my grief when I called you and you ran! I searched for you everywhere, at what a cost! My coin, my sheep, and my child, all lost! *Take heart...* I heard you there cheering when they waved their palms; I gave you healing when you begged for alms; and there at the hanging, did you hear me cry: I am here for you, and for you I die? *Take heart...* You thought we were finished when I lay quite dead, but deep in grief you remembered what I said: No grave can contain me, I will rise again! And now that I live, you can sing Amen! *Take heart...* I will move even heaven and the earth, I will if you believe every

promise I fulfill; No threat can tear us apart, you'll see: haven't I proved what you mean to me. *Take heart...*

❖ **OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards*



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.

❖ **PREFACE**

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.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

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.

❖ AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*



□ 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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Let Us Break Bread Together"

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

❖ **NUNC DIMITTIS** *Song of Simeon*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

❖ **CLOSING PRAYER**

A *We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

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.*



+ Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar. +

❖ **HYMN** "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" LSB 680

❖ **DISMISSAL**

A *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "The Tree of Life" - Eggert

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday/Sunday October 14/15

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Saturday/Sunday October 21/22

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion