



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 18th Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 2020 ~ 10:00 am

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE VIDEO *New Wine*

GATHERING SONG *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Dick Hardy

Dear Lord, as we move into the Fall Season, help us to see your presence in the change of the seasons and everywhere in our daily lives.

School is back in session, and we know, in these turbulent times, that learning is not only present in our schools, but also in our families. We pray for wisdom for parents, that they may know how to pass their faith on to their children. That, as parents, they will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

Holy Father, as in today's Gospel Lesson parable, help us to come to know your son, Jesus, as our Lord and Savior. Remove our blind spots that keep us from being the people that you want us to be. Guide us and mold us so that Your power and love will show through to others, so that they, too, may find your saving grace.

As Christians, we pray that you will imprint on our minds and hearts the words from Phil Wickhman's song, "This is Amazing Grace"

This is Amazing Grace, this is Unfailing Love
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross
You lay down your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me
Who shakes the whole world with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder.

Lord, we need Your comfort and healing hand in our lives. We especially pray for Amy, Betty, Char, Katy, Deanna, Ellie, Marilyn, Gloria, Gail, Lois, and all those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

And finally, as always, I pray that you will help us boldly go into the world in peace -

To have courage

hold onto what is good

honor all men

strengthen the faint-hearted

support the weak

help the suffering, and to always

share the gospel

All these things we pray in your holy name,

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

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; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people 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 expected 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 it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; 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 people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[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 watchtower. 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.

SERMON Pr. Thomas Henderson

OFFERING TIME

As a community, we are grateful for one another’s loving support, as we continue to maintain our property, our financial commitments to our staff, and our mission to the broader community. You are invited to take time either right now or after today’s service to send your check to the church or to make your [offering online](#).

OFFERTORY SONG *Awake*, composed and offered by Ian Faleer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Forgive 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.

COMMUNION SONG *New Wine*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING

CLOSING BLESSING and CHARGE

SENDING SONG *Cornerstone*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Pr. Thomas Henderson
Prayers:	Dick Hardy
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