



OCTOBER 4TH, 2020
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

Prelude "Processional On 'O Praise Ye the Lord'" **Charles Callahan**

WELCOME AND GREETING *Pastor Tom*

CONFESSTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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.

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN*"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"**LSB 648*

**1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.**

**2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.**

**3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.**

**4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.**

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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.**
- P Let us pray....
- C **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Restore us, O God

Psalm 80:7-19

Reader: John Pruser

- R ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C **8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**
- R ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
- C **10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**
- R ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.^[a]
- C **12 Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**
- R ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it and all that move in the field feed on it.
- C **14 Turn again, O God of hosts!**
- Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**
- R ¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- C **16 They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**
- R ¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- C **18 Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

ALL ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

READING*The Vineyard of the Lord Destroyed*

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; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men 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 looked for 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 briers and thorns shall grow up;

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 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!**

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING*"What a Beautiful Name"*

Mary Sorensen/Jonathan Malone

The congregation is invited to participate in the singing.

GOSPEL READING*The Parable of the Tenants*

Matthew 21:33-46

33 "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. **34** When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants^a to the tenants to get his fruit. **35** And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. **36** Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. **37** Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' **38** But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' **39** And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. **40** When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" **41** 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."

42 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'

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. **44** And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. **46** 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 **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Rejecting Jesus
Matthew 21:33-46
Pastor Tom

For Thought and Consideration

Read the portion of Psalm 118 below. (Jesus quotes verses 22 & 23 in our Gospel lesson today.) What does it mean to you to know Jesus is your cornerstone? Is the work of God on your behalf still marvelous in your eyes? Spend some time in prayer, thinking over this verse and asking our heavenly Father to make Jesus marvelous "in your eyes" or reveal to you the implications of him as cornerstone for your life of faith.

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'.*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

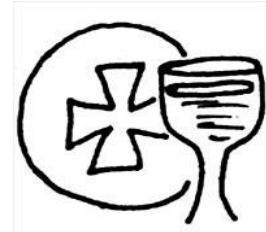
C **And also with you.**

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 Him thanks and praise.**



SANCTUS

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of Power and Might;
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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."

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us
peace.**

Lamb of God will continue to play while participants come forward to pick up their communion pack. Once everyone has returned to their seat, Pastor will lead the congregation in the receiving of the Sacrament. See the following page for instructions.

DISTRIBUTION

P The true body of Christ, given for you.

C Amen.

P The true blood of Christ, given for you.

C Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

"Great are You, Lord"

Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone

The congregation is invited to participate in the singing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn is found on page 10.

CLOSING HYMN*"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"**LSB 651, v. 1, 3, 5*

**1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.**

**3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.**

**5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.**

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POSTLUDE*"Celebration"**Benton Price*

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