

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

9:30 am

## Gathering

Welcome to Worship! I'm glad you're here and the Bible tells me that God is glad that you are here.

## Announcements

1. We're recording! We post the worship on YouTube later in the day. We're also projecting this service onto facebook live for the month of October, so take a moment right now to click share on our facebook page (@elcaLCMM) to invite all your friends to watch worship. We're lowering the barriers to joining church and learning about the lifesaving Love of Jesus.
2. CROP Walk October 18th
3. Zoom Choir: We will gather each Wednesday at 7:30pm over Zoom for music, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!
4. Pet Blessing on Saturday was awesome.
5. We have a facebook page and two YouTube channels, so be sure you're connected!

## Centering and Quieting Time

Let's take a deep breath and move ourselves into a worshipful space while we listen to the prelude.

## Prelude

Instrumental Music

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.  
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.  
**C: Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: God of the Sparrow (ELW #740)

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| 1 | God of the sparrow God of the whale<br>God of the swirling stars<br>How does the creature say Awe<br>How does the creature say Praise | 4 | God of the hungry God of the sick<br>God of the prodigal<br>How does the creature say Care<br>How does the creature say Life       |
| 2 | God of the earthquake God of the storm<br>God of the trumpet blast<br>How does the creature say Woe<br>How does the creature say Save | 5 | God of the neighbor God of the foe<br>God of the pruning hook<br>How does the creature say Love<br>How does the creature say Peace |
| 3 | God of the rainbow God of the cross<br>God of the empty grave<br>How does the creature say Grace<br>How does the creature say Thanks  | 6 | God of the ages God near at hand<br>God of the loving heart<br>How do your children say Joy<br>How do your children say Home       |

### 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

A: Let us pray. Beloved God,

**C: 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.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 5:1 - 7

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 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; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What 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?

5 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. 6 I 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.

7 For 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!

### Psalm 80:1 - 7

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

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

A: You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

**C: The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

A: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

**C: Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

A: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**C: Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**

A: behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

### Music: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW #172)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah,  
Halle, halle, halle-lujah,  
Halle, halle, halle-lujah,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### Gospel: Matthew 21: 33 - 46

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[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. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 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 get his inheritance.’ 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

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 amazing in our eyes’?

43 Therefore 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. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: We Are All One in Mission

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| 1 | We all are one in mission;<br>we all are one in call,<br>our varied gifts united<br>by Christ, the Lord of all.<br>A single great commission<br>compels us from above<br>to plan and work together<br>that all may know Christ's love. | with God's surprising grace,<br>so ev'ry folk and nation<br>may feel God's warm embrace.  |
| 2 | We all are called for service,<br>to witness in God's name.<br>Our ministries are different;<br>our purpose is the same:<br>to touch the lives of others   | 3 Now let us be united,<br>and let our song be heard.<br>Now let us be a vessel<br>for God's redeeming Word.<br>We all are one in mission;<br>we all are one in call,<br>our varied gifts united<br>by Christ, the Lord of all. |

## Prayers

**A:** 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 with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation (especially Francis of Assisi, whom we commemorate today). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders (*especially*) seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard (especially Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society). May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Sharing of Peace

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### Moment of Generosity

You can use this time to [click on the online giving link](#) in the chat, or to write a check and prepare an envelope to mail to the church. The council is accepting applications from our mutual aid fund. We are also collecting for live streaming equipment for when we gather again in person, and online tools for connecting now. You can use the other box in the online giving form, or the memo line of your check to write "Mutual Aid Fund" or "Tech Special Offering".

[If you have a story of generosity to share next week, let Pastor know.]

### Music: Build Us Up, Lord (ELW #670)

1      Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
         set in us a strong foundation.  
         Lead us to do your holy will;  
         form and shape your new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
as we guide and teach each other,  
help us to share your love with the world:  
ev'ry sibling, ev'ry person. *Refrain*

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
let our lives reflect your glory.  
Cast away all our doubts and fears;  
help us tell the world your story.

Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
help us bear good fruit for you,  
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.  
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.  
*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;  
we follow in faith what's begun!  
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word  
to spread the news of your Son!

### Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### Music: O God Our Rock, Foundation of All Days

1 O God our rock, foundation of all days,  
you are our refuge, wondrous are your ways.  
Ground of the world, our pillar sure and strong,  
we lift our lives to praise with lyre and song.

2 Though days may fade, and dim may be our sight,  
you, by your grace, bring hidden things to light.  
Sun of the world, with wisdom in us shine;  
gather our lives into your great design.

4 Lift up our hearts that joyful we proclaim  
to children's children your redeeming name.  
God of the worlds, now prosper all our days,  
that every moment offer up your praise.

## Invitation to Discipleship Practice

### Blessing

P: Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.  
**C: Amen.**

### Postlude

Instrumental Music

### Coffee Hour

We will be together in a large group.

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