

Bulletin Insert for October 4, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

WORSHIP MUSIC

Prelude: *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue* – Barbara Harbach/Aaron David Miller

Offertory: *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* – setting, Robert A. Hobby

Postlude: *Psalm of Joy* – George Blake

Gathering Hymn: *“All creatures, worship God most high!”* ELW 835

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!**
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain**
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,**
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

¹ I will 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 rotten 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 rotten 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 wasteland; 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 cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; Righteousness but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15 (*Read Responsively*)

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised 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; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More 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 ⁹ and 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. 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 Then 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 its fruits. 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

1 Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed
sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less
secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

2 Faith endures by holding on,
keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will
thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

3 Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

Communion Hymn: *"Thine the Amen"*

ELW 826

1 Thine the amen thine the praise
alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story
thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup
is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree
all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom thine the
prize
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness

Sending Hymn: *"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"*

ELW 729

**1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.**

- 3 **Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

- 4 **For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.**

- 5 **We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.**

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Mark your calendars for our Second Sunday Seminars. The first one is the second Sunday in October. The leader for October is Laurie Sanderson. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us in the Central Classroom.

Upcoming Dates

- October 4:** First Sunday of Service, 10:45 a.m.
October 6: Sit & Stitch, 10:00 a.m.
October 6: LAMB's Basket volunteer day, 9:00 a.m.
October 11: Second Sunday Seminar, following the 9:30 a.m. service

Music Notes: Our Hymn of the Day is a familiar tune, but not-so-familiar text (we have sung it twice before): *Faith Begins by Letting Go*, ACS 1004. The beginning of the third verse is particularly poignant: "Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts." The choral anthem exhorts us to "open your ears, O faithful people."

Bible Quest Note: This week's parable about the wicked tenants in the vineyard is one of seven to appear in all three of the synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. The message Jesus is preaching in the Temple now is very different from those of His early ministry. Gone are the positive and uplifting messages of Hope.

No. No more of that. As His ministry enters it's final days, we have Jesus overturning the money changer's tables in the Temple, cursing fig trees, defying and challenging the priests and Pharisees.

No. This is now a defiant Jesus. Rather than "Good News", we might say He is delivering a "reality check" to those who have heard His message but have not embraced it.

Commissioned Lay Minister Jim Ingraham will be delivering our message for the day.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:	Isaiah 5:1-7	Second Reading	Philippians 3:4-14
Psalm	Psalm 80:7-15	Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46

Next Week: From Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus warns of losing the gift of the kingdom with the parable of the Wedding Banquet.

CLC Faith in Action: We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in supporting our LAMBS Basket ministry. This week we collected 93 pounds of food for our neighbors in need.

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