



Concordia Lutheran Church
October 8, 2017
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(we stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

He was, he is, and he is to come.

He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

He created all things. By his will they came to be.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

By his blood he purchased for God,

For people of every race, language and nation.

Christ made of them a kingdom

and priests to serve our God. Amen.

And they shall reign on earth forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

LBW # 526

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord. Cleanse us from every sin, that we may be free and glad to serve you. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(we sit)

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Special Music

Cherubs' Choir

CHILDREN'S WELCOME SONG

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

(sung by the congregation)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON *(Children 2 years old to 2nd grade may attend Children's Church)*

OLD TESTAMENT 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; 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 briars 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!

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-19

(read responsively)

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

Behold and tend this vine;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

¹⁸Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Amen.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

NEW TESTAMENT READING**Philippians 3:4b-14**

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, 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 ⁹and 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 — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(we stand)

GOSPEL HYMN**“Open My Eyes That I May See”**

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.*

GOSPEL**Matthew 21:33-46**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³{Jesus said to the chief priests and the Pharisees,} “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. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 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 have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” 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 marvelous in our eyes’”? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

(we sit)

SERMON **“Our Christian Marathon-Pressing Toward the Goal Together”** **Jan Williams**
*(Philippians 3:13b-14) “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.”*

SONG OF THE DAY **OFH # 17** **“I Am Thine, O Lord”**

PRAYERS & APOSTLES' CREED

(response) Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our Prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us into safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

OFFERING

ANTHEM **“Eagle’s Wings”** **Chancel Choir**

(we stand)

OFFERTORY

*Come, you thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in;
Ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker does provide; For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us 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.

SENDING SONG **OFH # 63** **“To God Be the Glory”**

BENEDICTION & SENDING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God!