

## Bethesda and St. John Lutheran Churches

18th Sunday after Pentecost

*ELW Setting Ten*

Sunday, October 4, 2020

*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.*

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### GATHERING

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#### WELCOME

*Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)*

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,**

**for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters**

**and by your Word you created the world,**

**calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,**

**making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit,**

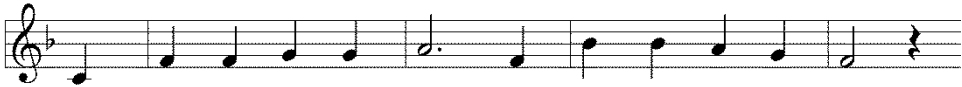
**and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG *My Song Is Love Unknown (LOVE UNKNOWN)* (LBW 94)



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

Here might I stay and sing--  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

### GREETING

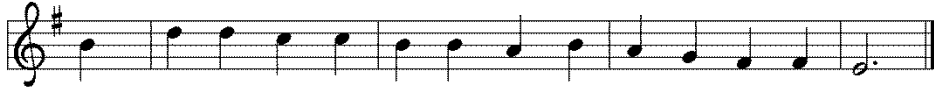
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex- alt- ed thus!"
- 3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re-ceive hon- or and pow'r di- vine;
- 4 Let all cre- a- tion join in one to bless the sa- cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.  
of God who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

## 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.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

**My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.**

<sup>2</sup>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.**

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

**<sup>4</sup>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?

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

**<sup>7</sup>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!**  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**  
**you cast out the nations and planted it.**  
<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow**  
**and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**  
<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.  
<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,**  
**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,**  
**look down from heaven;**  
<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

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

<sup>7</sup>**Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.**  
<sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a

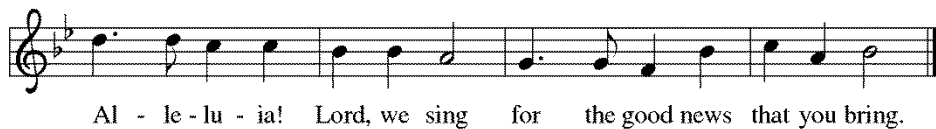
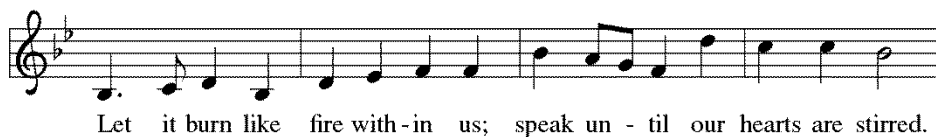
righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>**I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection** and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; **but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.** <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,** <sup>14</sup>**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“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. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them,

saying, ‘They will respect my son.’<sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘**This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.**’<sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’<sup>41</sup> 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.”

<sup>42</sup>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’?

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

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.<sup>46</sup> 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.**

## SERMON

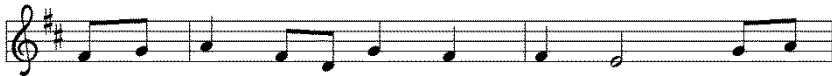
### HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* (ELW 523)

*Refrain / Estribillo*

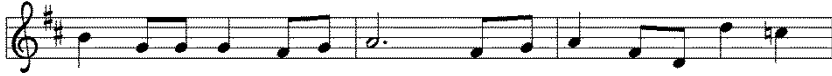
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Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a le - gre la  
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

## CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.\*  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders *including those who are running for office in our own country* seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 our sisters and brothers at Bethesda: Inga Hansen, Lisa Johnson, Lenyce Lawrence, Wes Moffatt, Gary and Diane Kalskett and at St. John: Audrey Androy, Davie Vander Kolk, Nancy Heistand, Grant Gorham, Jim Berka, Jane and Dennis Schrauth, Pat DeLong, Vince Motto and Pam Odland and those we name in our hearts.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## RESPONSE

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### OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

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## SENDING

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church. We are glad you joined us for worship this morning. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the entry way.

Please join us for worship again soon!

### **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

**Today** 8:45 AM – Worship with  
**Wednesday** Pastor @ St. John  
**Thursday** Pastor @ Bethesda  
**Sunday** 10:30 AM – Worship

### **THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE SERVICE THIS MORNING**

Reader  
Sheila Lindsey

Organist  
Deb Lauritsen

Worship Leader  
Russell Stanislav

### **NEXT SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4, 2020)**

Reader  
Jolene McDonald

Organist  
Deb Lauritsen

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 10/5 Sheila Lindsey

### **ANIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Thursday 10/8 Brent & Julie Kuhlman (32)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**St. John is holding their Fall Dinner Drive Through  
Sunday, October 11**

**11am – 1pm**

**BETHESDA WORSHIP WILL BE AT 10:30 THAT DAY**