

Order of Worship + October 4th, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

Nest - ling bird or star in heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, In his might - y arms he bears them.
Un - to them his grace he show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: *Swedish folk tune*

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Salutation

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.

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism you have grafted us onto the vine that is Christ and given us a share of his inheritance, that we might know the power of his resurrection. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that we might live in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns

**with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

⁷The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:7-19

*Read responsively with the congregation reading the words in **bold***

L: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

C: You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

L: You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

- C: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**
- L: Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.
- C: Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?**
- L: Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.
- C: Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,**
- L: the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.
- C: Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.**
- L: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
- C: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.**
- L: Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
- C: make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to

know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Announcement

Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Message

Angie Schatz

Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

Sermon Song

“Great God”

Chris & Jessica Dudzik

Jesus loves me, This I know to be, because he told me so (because he told me so)

Little ones belong, to him because he’s strong, let the children come let the children come and see

How Great is our God, Sing with me

How Great is our God, All will Sing

How Great, How Great is our God

Time before all time, before it all began, Jesus is the love Jesus is the light Father Spirit Son, Blessed 3 in one Together they will be for all ...
Eternity

How Great is our God, Sing with me
How Great is our God, All will Sing
How Great, How Great is our God

How Great is our God, Sing with me
How Great is our God, All will Sing
How Great, How Great is our God

If you ever find yourself, surrounded by the dark
Shout out to the Lord, he will show you the light
When your prayers are answered, don't forget to show your praise
Pass on the Love He's shown, Pass on His Grace

How Great is our God, Sing with me
How Great is our God, All will Sing
How Great, How Great is our God

Apostles' Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

C: **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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

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

After each petition of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: You may share a sign of peace with your family members.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through

Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy holy are you, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink; saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Communion is distributed *(Nicole will play music during distribution)*

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Closing Music “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LBW #294

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are
then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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