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Sunday, October 15, 2023 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: #205 "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven"

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O Lord, Look Down from Heaven



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein (87 87 887) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

5 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;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

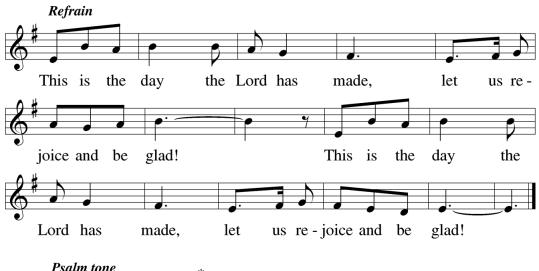
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
 When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

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 briers and thorns shall grow up;
- 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 men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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The LORD is my strength <u>and</u> my song;* he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is <u>lift</u>ed high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done <u>mighty</u> things!

I will not <u>die</u> but live,* and will proclaim what the <u>LORD</u> has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you <u>an</u>swered me;* you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cap</u>stone;* the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous <u>in</u> our eyes.

This is the day the <u>LORD</u> has made;* let us rejoice and be <u>glad</u> in it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:12-21

¹² Not 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. ¹³ Brothers, 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia! (Hebrews 2:12)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-43

³³ "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. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servant to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 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 have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed

him. ⁴⁰ When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

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 marvelous in our eyes'?

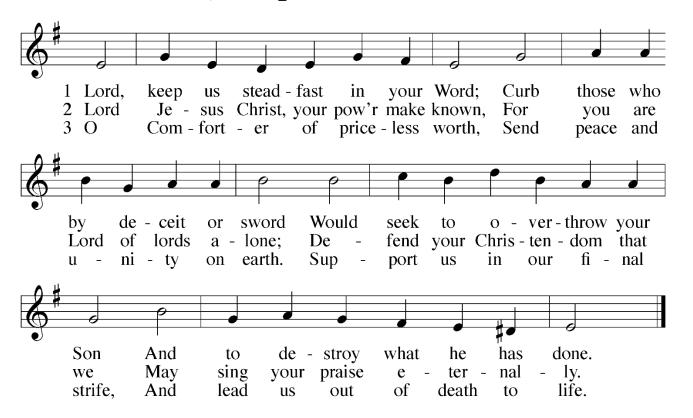
⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #203 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

SERMON: "Our Greatest Treasure"

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers

but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

M: O Lord, You have planted, nurtured and hedged around Your vineyard, the Church. You sent Your dear Son to give His life for her. Inspire her by Your Holy Spirit to yield much fruit for Your kingdom and grant that many find shelter on her holy hill. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Father, since Your Son has made us His own by His death, grant that we may share in His sufferings with confidence, and that we may also know the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, grant all orphans a safe place in which to grow and thrive. Bring into their lives generous couples who will open their hearts to give them permanent homes through adoption. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless our president, our governor; and all those elected and appointed to make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Divine Vinedresser, You prune those whom You love. Strengthen our hearts to heed Your Law, that we may never presume to sin nor trust in our own deeds, but look to the rainfall of Your grace for our source of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, You bring forth from this barren earth a holy people to press forward to Your heavenly goal. Direct our zeal toward Your good and gracious purpose, and prosper the work of the hands that labor in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, prepare our hearts to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper. Strengthen us in faith and renew us in love by this Holy Communion. Bring us at last with all the saints to dwell in Your everlasting presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **C: Amen.**

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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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND

THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM "O Father, May Thy Word Prevail" Text: H. A. Brorson (1694-1764)

1 O Father, may Thy Word prevail
Against the gates of hell!
Behold the vineyard Thou hast tilled
With thorns and thistles filled.
'Tis true, Thy plants are there;
But, ah, how weak and rare!
How slight the pow'r in evidence
Of Word and Sacraments!
2 Come, Jesus, come and contemplate
Thy vineyard's sad estate;
Baptized are millions in Thy name,
But where is faith's pure flame?

Of what avail that we Know of Thine agony So long as we do not o'erthrow In faith the wicked foe?

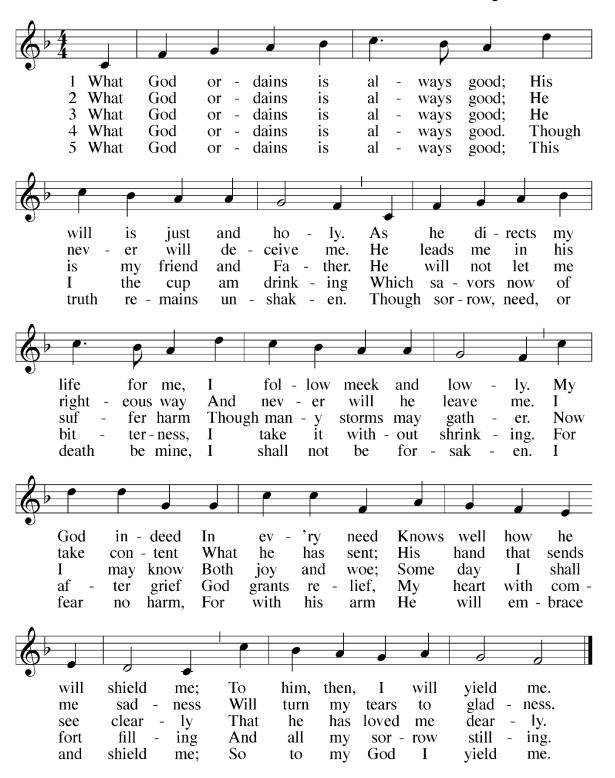
3 O Holy Ghost, to Thee, our light, We cry by day, by night:
Come, grant us of the light and pow'r
Our fathers had of yore;
When Thy dear Church did stand
A tree, deep-rooted, grand;
Full-crowned with blossoms white as snow,
With purple fruits aglow!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#429 "What God Ordains is Always Good" Text:Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708)

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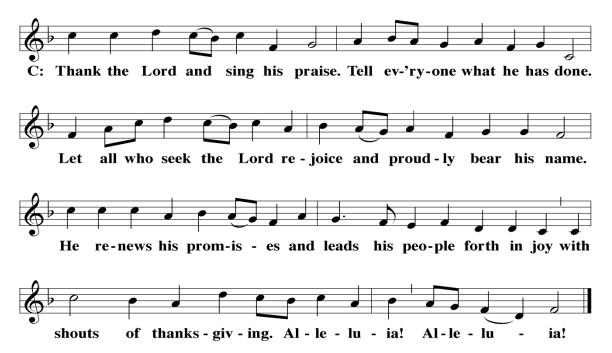
What God Ordains Is Always Good



Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: WAS GOTT TUT (87 87 44 77) Severus Gastorius, 1646–82, alt.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Monday – 5:00 PM Hope Christian Academy Trunk or Treat Event

Wednesday – NO Online Bible Class

Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice

Saturday – 10:00 AM Camp Killarney Fall Fest (see below)

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Arlette Stobbe

Ushering – Team 1

Altar Flowers are donated to the glory of God.

Pastor vacation – Pastor Schaefer is on vacation from October 14 through 21. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev.Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Emeritus Rodney Schwab is officiating for today's Divine Service and Adult Bible Class. We thank Pastor Schwab for being with us today.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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Camp Killarney Fall Fest Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 21st, 2023

10am-12pm: Decorate a pumpkin and play carnival games at the large beach pavilion.

Bounce House will also be set-up weather permitting.

10am--5:45pm: Vote for your favorite decorated campsite, turn in votes to the office (winner announced after worship)

10am--5:45pm: Silent Auction baskets in the Dining Hall (winners announced after worship)

1pm--2pm: Archery Range will be open, weather permitting, for anyone that would like to shoot or learn to shoot a bow

3pm--4pm: Trick-or-Treating around the campground (Look for campsites with a pumpkin light)

6pm: Devotion (worship) at the big fire pit in front of the Dining Hall (or in the Dining Hall if inclement weather)

7:30pm--9pm: Hayrides out to Bubba's Cider Shack for Cider and Donuts around the fire (Please sign up in the office during the day to help us plan how many rides)

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