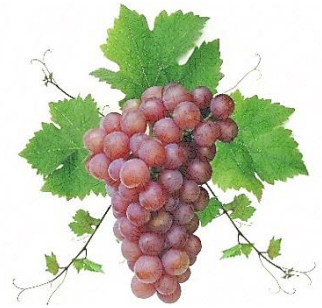


**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**After Pentecost Lectionary 27, Year A**

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Restore us, O God of Hosts.  
Behold, and tend this vine.

*Ring of Bell*

PRELUDE     *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Here Is Love*

HYMN OF THE MONTH     ***We Come to You for Healing Lord***

**No. 617**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 80:7-15

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

HYMN: ***My God How Wonderful Thou Art***

**No. 863**

- 1   **My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!  
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!**
- 2   **How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of thee must be--  
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!**
- 3   **No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e'er so mild,  
bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.**
- 4   **Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.**
- 5   **My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!  
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY     *We pray together*

L:   The Lord be with you.     C:   **And also with you.**

**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.**

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7**     *The song of the vineyard*

<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 all, 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**

**SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14**     *Nothing surpasses the value of knowing 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**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 21:33-46**     *A parable of the vineyard owner's son*

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

[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.

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**CHILDREN'S WORD**

MESSAGE     Pastor Kris Ferkin

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save,  
that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death;  
all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done,  
and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

**APOSTLES 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                      P: ..Lord in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE              P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING**

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings go to one of our global mission partners.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of power, God of plenty,  
C: **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Steadfast and faithful God,  
C: **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – *Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.”*

## DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN    *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      **No. 803**

- 1 **When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3 **See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## COMMUNION BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**
- P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
C: **Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- P: The God of Glory, ✠ Jesus Christ name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN    The Lord Now Sends Us Forth    *Sing @ Section 2X*                      **No. 538****

- 1 **The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live.                      *REPEAT SECTION***
- 2 **The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.                      *REPEAT SECTION***

*Ring of Bell*

DISMISSAL                      L: Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

|            |          |                                      |
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| SUN/OCT 8  | 9 AM     | Worship – In person & Live-streamed  |
|            | 10 AM    | Sunday School                        |
|            | 10 AM    | Coffee                               |
|            | 7 PM     | AA                                   |
| MON/OCT 9  | 1:30 PM  | Literary Guild                       |
| WED/OCT 11 | 6 PM     | Wed Worship                          |
|            | 6:30 PM  | 9th Grade Confirmation               |
| THU/OCT 12 | 1 PM     | LOVE DAY                             |
|            | 7 PM     | AA                                   |
| SUN/OCT 15 | 9 AM     | Worship – In person & Live-streamed  |
|            | 10 AM    | Sunday School                        |
|            | 10 AM    | Appreciation Coffee by Choir Members |
|            | 10:15 AM | Worship/Evangelism Committee         |
|            | 7 PM     | AA                                   |