

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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10:45 am 18th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2017

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, 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, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk - Lutheran Disaster Response

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stand)*

Sing praises to God, who created the heavens and the earth!

Sing praises to our Creator, who makes us brothers and sisters!

Lift up your voices and hands to God, who is worthy of praise,

Come join together in worshipping the God who makes us one.

Center your hearts on Christ, who calls upon us to love one another.

In prayer and praise and thanksgiving, we worship Jesus our Lord.

OPENING SONG

“In The Secret (I Want To Know You)”

In the secret, in the quiet place, In the stillness you are there.

In the secret, in the quiet hour, I wait only for You.

‘Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.

I want to know You more. I want to touch You.

I want to see Your face. I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal.

That I might receive the prize.

Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way.

‘Cause I want to know You more.

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I want to know You more. I want to touch You.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Wisdom, we have dwelled in foolish ways, turning away from You to follow the desires of the world.

We have sought worldly gain over the needs of our brothers and sisters.

We have given in to anger, hate and fear rather than compassion and mercy.

We have jumped to conclusions rather than waiting patiently to learn.

Forgive us for tagging along to the ways of the world, and turn us back to follow You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Where can we go from God's spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence? There is no place that is too far for God to find us, no place that is too dark for God's light not to shine.

We are God's beloved. God will seek us all the days of our lives. We are forgiven, loved, and restored. **Amen.**

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.

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** *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alan LaFave ~ Clarinet
Ron Parker ~ Piano

A TIME FOR CHILDREN & NOISY OFFERING

WORD

PSALM

Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

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

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

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

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and its branches to the river.

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so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

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and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

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

¹⁵behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Pew Bible NT p. 205

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA *(please stand)*

“Ah, La, La, La”

A-la-la-la-la, la-la-le-lu-ia.

A-la-la-la-la, le-lu-ia.

A-la-la-la-la, la-la-le-lu-ia.

A-la-la-la-la, la..le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Pew Bible NT p. 23

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Erin

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Wonderful Cross”

When I survey the wonderful cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ere such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
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APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

**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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, any friendly word or gesture is appropriate. (please be seated)

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

OFFERING HYMN

"Mercy"

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

You have been patient with our offenses.
You have forgiven all of our sins.
We were deserving only Your judgment,
But Your great mercy triumphed again.

Mercy, mercy Lord,
Your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy Lord,
Help us to show Your mercy Lord.

Lord, You have taught us, love one another.
As You have loved us, so we must love.
Always forbearing, always forgiving.
Showing to others the mercy we've known.

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OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising
your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“Worthy Is The Lamb”

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Wash me in Your cleansing flow;
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns;
You reign victorious high and lifted up.
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to continue his work in the world through sincere worship, faithful witness and service to others shaped by unconditional love. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Go into this week,
blessed by the liberating grace of God
filled with the selfless love of Jesus Christ
inspired by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

“The Lord Almighty Reigns”

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

He has shown His awesome power,
He has triumphed mightily.
He’s the victor over darkness and the grave.
He has broken chains that bound us,
He has set the prisoner free
By His own great mercy we are saved.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.
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LEADING OUR WORSHIP:

Preaching: Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Presiding: Pastor Marcia Sylvester

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Sound System: Gene Reich

Van Driver: Rick Weber

Counters: Garry\Kathy Johnson

Glenn Denning – Millie Suchomel

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Ushers: Robert Haak, Bob, Michelle, Jacob &

Nickolas Clemens

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Mike German, Stacy Geffre,

Stephanie Hawkinson, Alan LaFave,

Lexi LaFave, Lynae Poel

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Word of God, word of life.

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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:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

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Gospel Reading **Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“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. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 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 get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

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 amazing in our eyes’?

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

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

