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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — October 8, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ring of the Bell

Prelude *Aria* -Handel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen

HYMN LBW # 249 *God Himself Is Present*

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Did You Think to Pray?* -Choir

FIRST LESSON: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He 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. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What 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? ⁵And 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷For 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!

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine ¹ out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and ¹ planted it.

⁹You cleared the ¹ 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.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
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 LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

[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.

A The Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**



*** GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46** (please stand as you are able)

[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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 270 *God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord*

SERMON

HYMN WOV # 776 *Be Thou My Vision* (you may remain seated)

*** APOSTLES' CREED** (please stand as you are able)

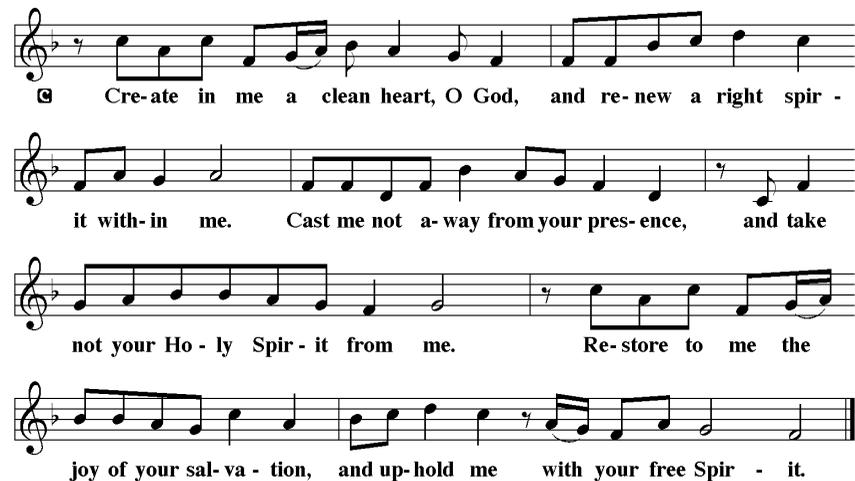
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERINGS (8:00) *Prelude and Dance* -Emanubells
(10:30) *Agnus Dei* -Choir

OFFERTORY (you may remain seated)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE PRAYERS (you may remain seated)

A Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Restore what is broken in your church, loving God. Heal divisions among Christian communities, give courage to leaders facing hardship, and open our ears to the prophets' cries among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restore what is broken in creation, gracious God. Revive farmlands and vineyards, protect waters needed by all living things, and move us to care for this earthly home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restore what is broken in our world, mighty God. Quell the rush to violence between peoples and nations. Break down dividing walls and promote growth for the sake of the common good. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restore our faith in you, saving God. We pray for Bible study and small group leaders, Sunday school teachers, musicians, devotion writers, and for all whose work nurtures our faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember the saints whose devotion proclaimed your saving help. In company with them, root us firmly in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Restore our broken bodies, O God. We pray for those suffering any loss: the grieving, those who have lost homes or property, the imprisoned, those neglected or abandoned, and the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C Amen

*** LORD'S PRAYER** (please stand as you are able)

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

BLESSING

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN (8:00) **LBW # 550** *From All That Dwell*
(10:30) *Song of Farewell* -Choir

POSTLUDE *Sing Unto the Lord*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Lange in loving memory of Art.

Rosebud

The rosebud today announces the birth of Easten Michael to Jason & Natalie Long on September 28!

Communion Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: There will be communion next week at the 10:30 service.

Reformation Recipe Booklet

The deadline to turn in recipes for our Reformation Recipe Booklet has been extended until Tuesday the 10th. Please turn in your favorite recipe to the church office or email it to Judy Hoffman at 2judith@bright.net by then!!! Booklets will be available at the Reformation service on October 29.

Statistics

9/28 Attendance 38 10/01 Attendance 101+102 (203) communed
Tithes and offerings \$21,103.00 (\$10,535 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$30 Sun Sch; \$240 mem-Arlene Miller; \$50 mem-Marilyn Fretz) Simply Giving 9/25-10/01: \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

CROP Walk

There is still time to donate to the CROP Hunger Walk until October 15. You can drop your offering in the offering plate, leave it in the church office, or give it to Carol Castello. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP.

Nativity Fundraiser

Our young people going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next year are crafting nativities for a fundraising project. A manger scene is on display at both entrances along with a sign-up sheet. A limited number will be made for a freewill donation, and they will be ready for Christmas gift-giving (or keep it yourself!) by December.

Directory pictures

The sign-up sheets for appointments to have your pictures taken for the pictorial directory are on the table near the Caring Corner. There are only a few open slots. OR please call Carol Castello (419-930-7675) for help as soon as possible!

Schedule for October 29

Please mark your calendars for this change in our worship schedule ...

We will have ONE service on October 29 - at 9:00 a.m. Our Congregational meeting will follow this service (watch for a mailing containing the proposed 2018 budget and the ballot for 2018 church council in mid-October). Sunday School children will be dismissed to the basement immediately following the service for Reformation games and crafts. And then there will be a potluck following the meeting!!

Caring Corner — Coats for Kids

Have your kids outgrown their winter coats from last year? For the month of October, we will collect winter coats, new or gently used, to be donated to the “Coats for Kids” distribution at Christ United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also accepted, and free dry-cleaning is donated to clean coats before they’re given out in November.

