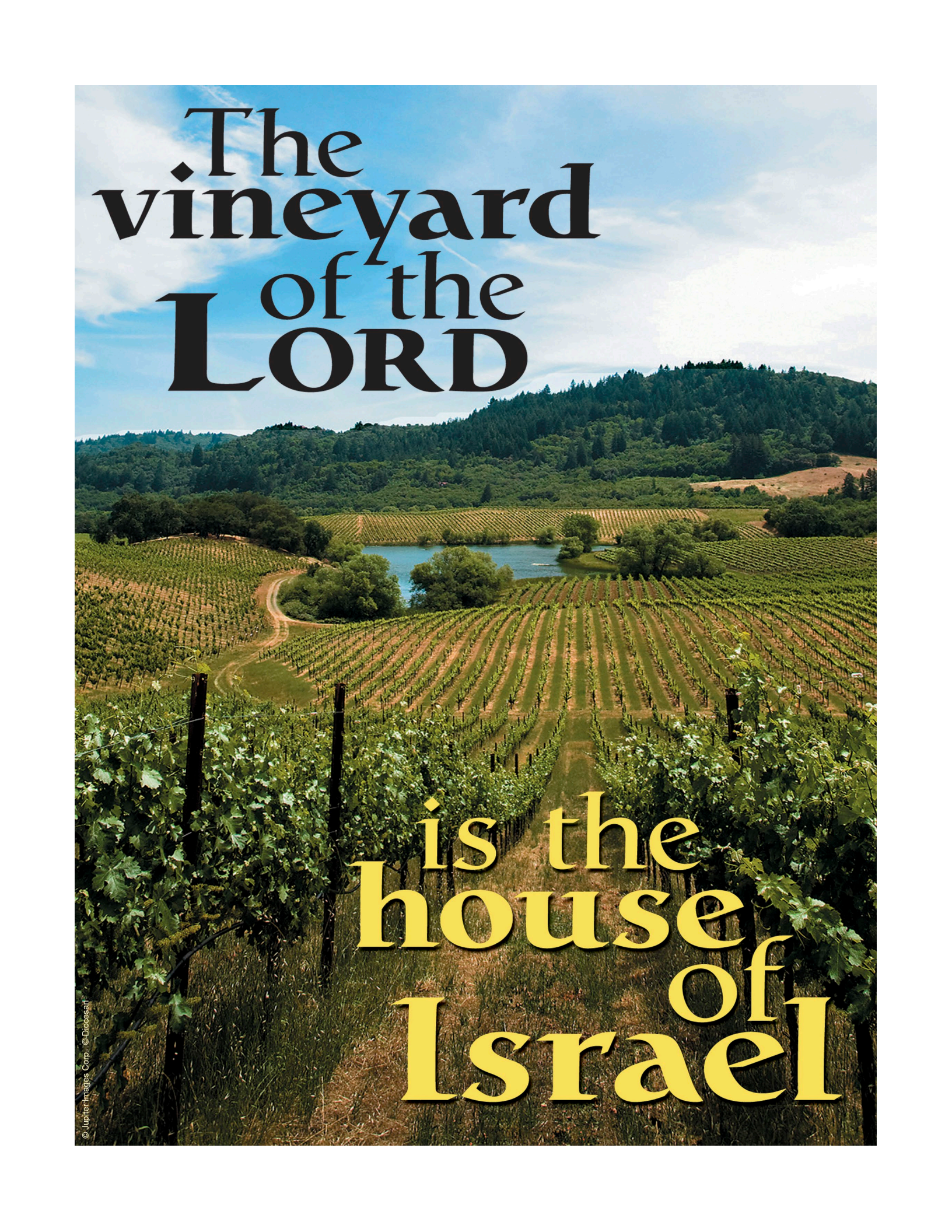




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**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 4, 2026**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

*Before Service Prayer:* Loving Lord God, reveal to us the depth of Your love that we learn greater love for You in return and that we grow in love toward our neighbors and one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Today's Theme*

**THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO  
SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER**

Sometimes people get braver when they realize they are nearing the end. They speak things they couldn't or wouldn't say before, even to the powerful, because they realize they have nothing to lose.

The message of repentance and forgiveness of sins through Jesus' death on the cross has many powerful enemies. Sometimes those enemies are religious people, rebellious spirits and heretics. Sometimes those enemies are people of this world who worship their own personal desires and glory in their shame.

It doesn't matter how powerful the enemies are. God persists in speaking his truth and drawing our eyes to his Son, who will help us persevere to the end and speak truth to power.

## **Pastor's Welcome**

### **Opening Hymn: CW876 "Fight the Good Fight"**

*(Stand)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

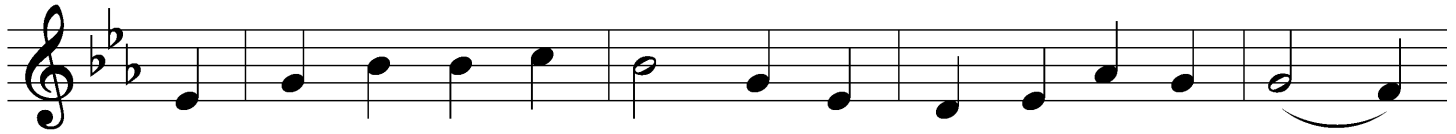
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

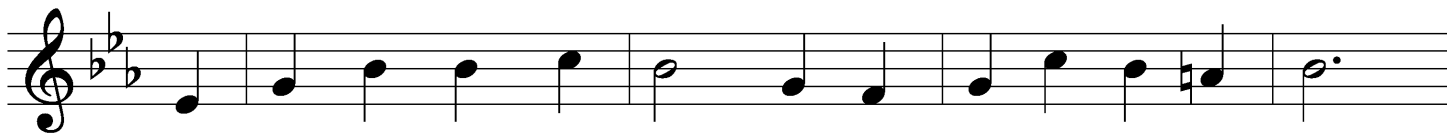
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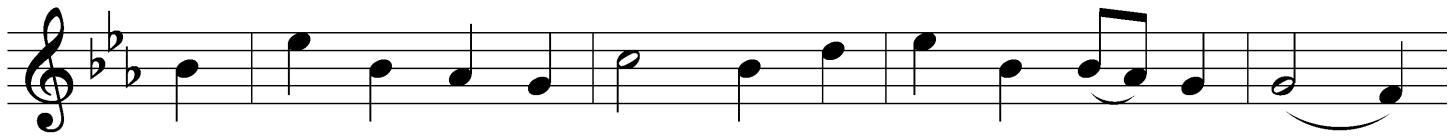
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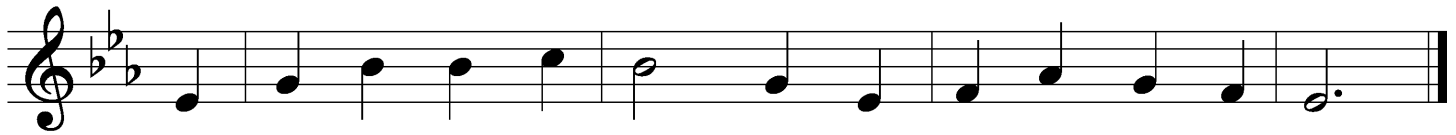
1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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## THE WORD

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Be seated)*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 5:1–7*

*The Lord pictures his patient love in a story about the owner of a vineyard.*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
<sup>2</sup>He 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.  
<sup>3</sup>“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
<sup>4</sup>What 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?

<sup>5</sup>Now 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.  
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland,  
    neither pruned nor cultivated,  
    and briers and thorns will grow there.  
I will command the clouds  
    not to rain on it.”

<sup>7</sup>The 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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 137A Beside the Streams of Babylon



1 Be - side the streams of Bab - y - lon we had our  
2 How could we sing with - in their land when we were  
3 Now in my times of grief and woe I will not



fill of sor - row, for we had left Je - ru - sa - lem,  
bound and cap - tive? We could not sing at their com-mand,  
cease my sing - ing; I'll praise the LORD with all my soul



and now, be - neath the wil - lows, we longed to walk  
their tor - ments, all that hap - pened. O let us not  
for ev - 'ry strength he gives me. All through my sor -



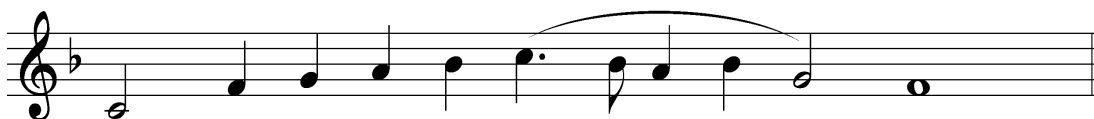
the cit - y streets and play our harps with - in its gates,  
for - get your name nor all your ways, Je - ru - sa - lem:  
row I will sing new songs of praise to God my King,



with tem - ple can - dles shin - ing. They laughed to see  
you gave us joy and plea - sure. We will re - mem -  
the mu - sic he has giv - en. So I can still



us far from home; for months we'd stum - bled on the road.  
ber you with thanks, our hearts in mourn - ing when we sang,  
re - mem - ber him and sing of my Je - ru - sa - lem:



How could we sing of Zi - on?  
re - mem - ber - ing your trea - sures.  
it is my star, my heav - en.

## Second Reading

*Philippians 3:12–21*

*God prompts us to respond to his grace by living differently from the enemies of the cross of Christ.*

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**P:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

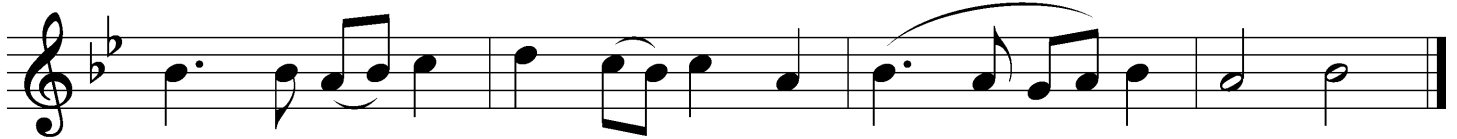
**(Stand)**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Ephesians 2:10*

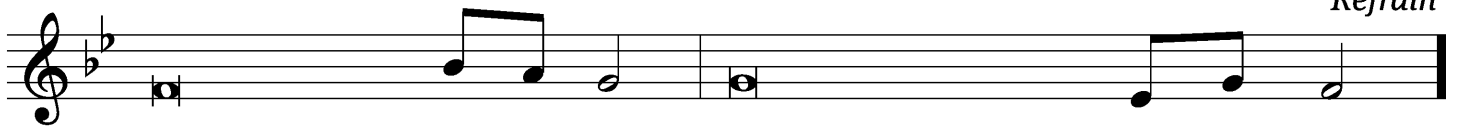


*Refrain*



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



For we are God's hand - i - work, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

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## Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

*Jesus tells the parable of the tenants to call leaders to repentance.*

<sup>33</sup>“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. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

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

<sup>38</sup>“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.’ <sup>39</sup>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?”

<sup>41</sup>“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.”

<sup>42</sup>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’?

<sup>43</sup>“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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*(Be seated)*

Hymn of the Day: CW862 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Sermon: Isaiah 5:1-7 “A Harvest of Justice!”

*(Stand)*

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***(Be seated)***

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**C: Amen.**

## Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



**(Stand)**

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

P: 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 T give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: CW853 "I'm But a Stranger Here"**

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## Announcements

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| Our Father's Business in the Coming Week |
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Cleaning this Week: Casaletto

**Today**—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

**Monday**—Online Bible Study at 6:30 PM

**Wednesday**—Catechism Class from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Friday**—Men's Bible Study at 11:30 AM

**Saturday**—Ukraine Study Group from 9 AM-3 PM

Fall Clean-Up Day starting at 9:00 AM

**Next Sunday**—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup at Noon

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE THIS MONTH

The cleaning schedule was accidentally omitted from the October church calendar (so sorry!) Here is the weekly schedule:

**Week of October 4:** Casaletto

**Week of October 11:** Daugherty and Dundore

**Week of October 18:** James

**Week of October 27:** Sarvady



### **FALL CLEAN-UP**

This Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is our Fall Clean-Up Day starting at 9:00 AM. There is a list of chores and things to do to get the property ready for the upcoming winter months. Come and stay as your schedule permits – any help is appreciated! Donuts and coffee will be served.

### **ADOPT A HIGHWAY**

It is time again to put on a vest and help clean up a stretch of Long Grove Road. We will meet after Adult Bible Class (around noon). Remember to bring work clothes. Vests (in a bright fall friendly orange color) will be provided!

### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

The Branch Connection cordially invites all ladies (and friends and family) to their Fall Ladies Night Out at **Bacchus Nibbles** in Lake Zurich (800 W. Main St., near Jewel) **on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** Come join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN-UP**

The Sunday School will be taught by a rotation of teachers this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All teaching materials as well as a teacher's guide will be provided for our volunteers. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

### **FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET**

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. The sheet covers the months of October through December. We still need people to sign up! This is a casual snack; nothing fancy is required – a couple of coffee cakes, donuts, a meat and cheese tray, fruit, a couple packages of cookies. . .any of these (or anything else) are truly welcomed and appreciated!