

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 4, 2020

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn: “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” LSB 691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven’s love and joy and peace.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

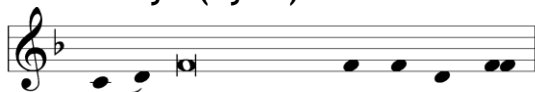
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Forgiveness of our Sin (Declaration of Grace)

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

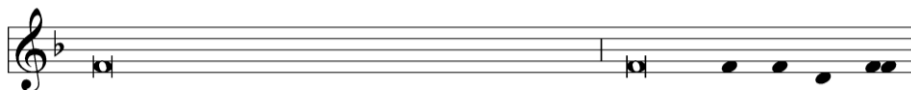
## Lord, Have Mercy! (Kyrie)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



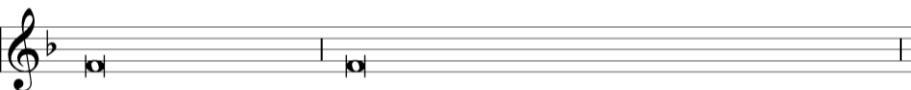
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day (Salutation and Collect)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
 Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved  
 my love song concerning his vineyard:  
 My beloved had a vineyard  
 on a very fertile hill.  
 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?  
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.  
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.  
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!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading from a New Testament Letter (Epistle): Philippians 3:4b-14

I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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. 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

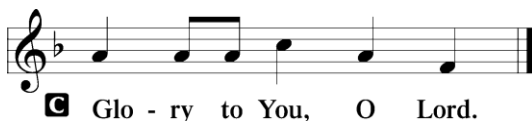
## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “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.

When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 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.”

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’?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

## Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow’r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

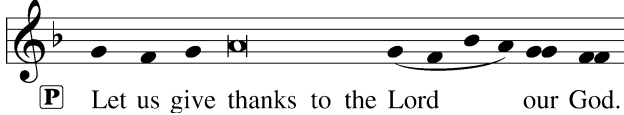
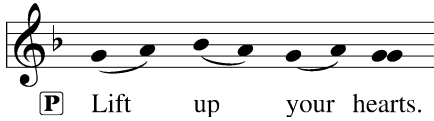
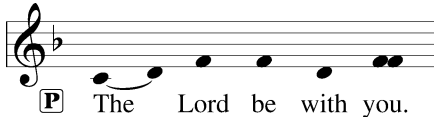
**C** hear our prayer.

## 9:15 and Video: Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

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## Preface



## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is





- 3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign.  
The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way.  
Break Satan’s pow’r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.
- 4 Your gracious will on earth be done As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey Throughout our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and ev’ry ill That sets itself against Your will.
- 5 Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev’ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word We say, “Amen, O hear us, Lord!”

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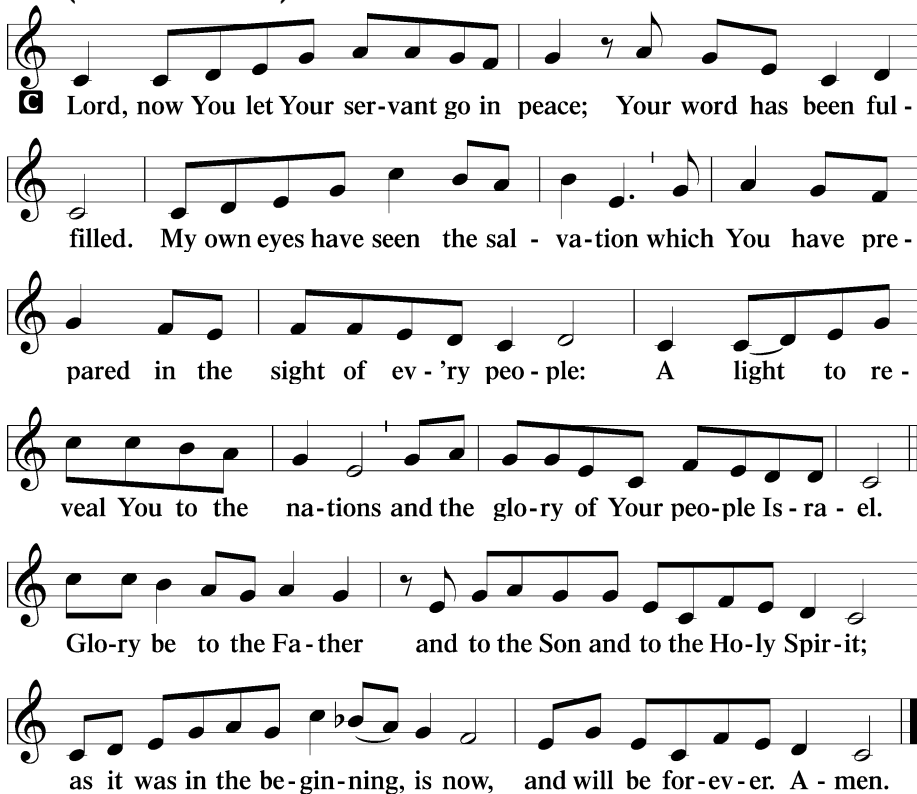
## “Fight the Good Fight” LSB 664

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God’s good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.

- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

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### Dismissal (Nunc Dimittis)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Prayer (Collect)

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**A** A - men.

## The Lord's Blessing (Benediction)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn: “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” LSB 698

- 1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way, With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.
- 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name, The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.
- 3 Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.

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