NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ OCTOBER 8, 2023

Listen to another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard.

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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit
Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be God, the Creator who forms us, ☩ the Christ who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humbleness, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, **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.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making things new. In ☩ Christ, you are and are always forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Songs:

"All The Way My Savior Leads Me "
Chris Tomlin, Fanny Jane Crosby, and Matt Redman

Verse 1:
All the way my Savior leads me
Who have I to ask beside
How could I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my guide
All the way my Savior leads me
And cheers each winding path I tread
And gives me grace for ev'ry trial
Feeds me with the living bread

Chorus:
You lead me and keep me from falling
You carry me close to Your heart
And surely Your goodness and mercy will follow me
Will follow me, will follow me

Verse 2:
All the way my Savior leads me
O the fullness of His love
O the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood
When my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
Jesus led me all the way

Chorus

Ending:
All the way my Savior leads me
All the way my Savior leads me

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"Reckless Love"
Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson

Verse 1:
Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus:
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God

Verse 2:
When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

Bridge:
There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down coming after me

Bridge

Chorus

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.**

Reckless Love
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray…….**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

First Reading Isaiah 5:1 - 7

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a
vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 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. 3 And now, inhabitants of
Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 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? 5 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. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or
hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the
clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 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!

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

Psalm 80:7-15

7 Restore 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.**
9 You 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.**
11 You 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?**
13 The 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;**
15 behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b - 14

[Paul writes:] [4b]If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: [5]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; [6]as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. [7]Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. [8]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 [9]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. [10]I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, [11]if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. [12]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. [13]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, [14]I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Special Music "My God Is So Big" Kid's Choir

Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Matthew 21:33 - 46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

[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. [34]When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. [35]But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36]Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. [37]Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38]But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' [39]So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40]Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" [41]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." [42]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'? [43]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. [44]The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." [45]When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. [46]They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated
Sermon Pastor Mark Huber

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day "Hold Us Together" Matt Maher and Steve Wilson

Chorus:
And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone

Verse 1:
It don't have a job it don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life in five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need

Chorus

Verse 2:
It's waiting for you, knocking at your door
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees

Chorus

Bridge:
This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright

Bridge

Chorus

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Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offering Prayer

Let us pray…….God of power, God of plenty, 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.**

The 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

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray……**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns
"Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer
Let us pray…….**.**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Holy Meal. 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.**

Blessing
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn "Servant's Prayer" see next page

Servant's Prayer

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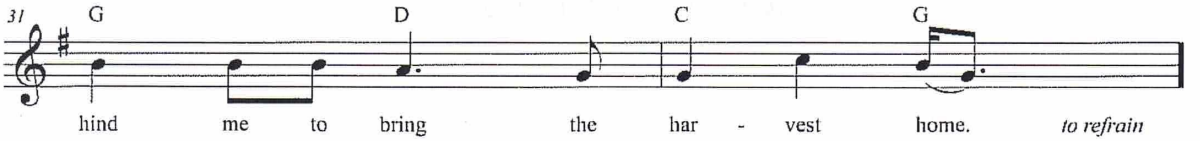

Servant's Prayer
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Dismissal
Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

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"Humbly Carrying the Cross"

Welcome: Welcome to worship! Our gracious, all-forgiving God receives you with open arms. May his love strengthen you today.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Cecil Schlesselmann, Gene Beckman, Frank Kreisel, Renee Weller, Teresa Viebrock, Jon Beckman, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.

Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Allen), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Cora Lee Fuchs (mother of Greg Bredehoeft and grandmother of Angela Alcorn), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Bill Talbot (friend of Connie Gerken), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).

Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose.* Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC.* Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms.* Gene Beckman: *Homebound*

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Give Pastor Stephen a call, card, or personally tell him how much we appreciate his ministry and witness among us and into the community.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 9th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **October 10th** and Wednesday, **October 11th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 12th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Meeting: The Council will meet on Thursday, **October 12th** at 7:30pm.

Special Meeting: The Church Council has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, **October 15**, immediately following the worship service. The one item of business to be completed is discussion and a vote on the purchase of property. The property being considered for purchase is the empty lot behind the church, next to the old cemetery, 307 W Grove St. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: "In-gathering" of items for **P**ersonal Care Kits will continue until Sunday, **October 15th**. The items collected will be assembled into kits the following week. On Saturday, October 21, the kits, together with the quilts pieced by the "One Stitch at a Time" ladies will be taken to Jefferson City for pick-up and then delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, MN. The items for the kits include:

* 2-3 bars of soap (8-9 oz.)
* 1 sturdy wide-toothed comb
* 1 bath towel (dark color)
* 1 toothbrush
* 1 nail clipper

The items may be dropped off in the Gathering Space. **Thank you** for your generous giving in helping our neighbors both here and aboard.

Esther Circle: The Esther Circle will meet **October 16th** at 7:00pm in the home of Ellen Harms. Janice Gerken will be the hostess. The Bible Study will be Session Two (commandments 3 and 4) pgs. 36-41.

Planning: Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 18th** at 3:30pm.

Meeting: Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 18th** at 7:30pm.

First Bibles: St. Paul's has a long-standing tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are entering the second grade. These Bibles are purchased through a memorial gift that was given many years ago. One of the promises made at the service of Holy Baptism is the responsibility to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." Parents and sponsors made a promise to do just that, but we as a church made a promise to support them. On Sunday, **October 29th**, parents of second grade children will present a Bible to their child. If you have a child that age and have not received a letter, or have a child who has not received a First Bible, please let Pastor Stephen know.

All Saints Worship: As part of our worship on All Saints (Sunday, **November 5th**) we will read the names of those saints of St. Paul's who have died during the past year. At another point in the service we will read a longer list of the saints who have played a role in our lives. If you would like the name of that saint (family member, friend, mentor, etc.) read during this service, please give those names to the church office by October 20th.

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Fish Fry: The Cole Camp Swimming Pool will have their annual fish fry **today** from 11:00am until 1:00pm. The menu includes fried fish, potatoes, baked beans, bread and dessert. They will be serving by drive-thru at the swimming pool. Proceeds help fund the pools normal operating cost each season.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 8:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, October 9:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, October 10:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, October 11:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, October 12:	8:00am	BCHD
	7:30pm	Council
Saturday, October 14:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, October 15:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Congregational Meeting

~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

October ····· Pastor Appreciation Month
October 15 ····· Congregational Meeting
October 29 ····· First Bibles
October 29 ····· Reformation Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers ..... The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist ..... Lois Viebrock
Pianist ..... Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild ..... Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers ..... Justin Tinney, Assistant Head Usher
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 8, 2023

Assisting Minister ..... None
Communion Assistants ..... Debbie Eckhoff & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader ..... Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes ..... Logan Jackson & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers ..... Tiffinay Nash

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 15, 2023

Assisting Minister ..... Melissa Balke
Communion Assistants ..... Luther League
Reader ..... Luke Goosen
Children's Sermon ..... Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes ..... Wyatt Gooch & Grady Elliott
Flowers ..... Theila Luetjen