

Worship Service ~ October 4, 2026, 9:00
19th Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Brent & Laurie Husfeldt
in memory of Lance Husfeldt and Vernon Husfeldt.

PRELUDE *"Gaudeamus Hodie"* by Natalie Sleeth;
FAME: Linda Ek, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG ACS #1063 *GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS*
 stz 1, 2, 4

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin. *Silence for Reflection*

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us prayer.

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Your Grace Finds Me"

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R: A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will 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 rotten 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 rotten 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 wasteland;

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.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts

is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah

are his cherished garden; he expected justice

but saw bloodshed;

righteousness but heard a cry!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 21st chapter of Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

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 Then 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 its fruits. 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.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Ed Treat, Center for Addiction & Faith

SONG OF THE DAY CORNERSTONE

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MUSICAL OFFERING *"Lord, I want to Be a Christian"* arr. Christopher Alexander; Faith Choir;
Alan Ball, piano; Linda Ek, director



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Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus,
Lord, I want to be more holy,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor,
✠ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #835 *ALL CREATURES WORSHIP GOD*
MOST HIGH stz 1, 2, 4

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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