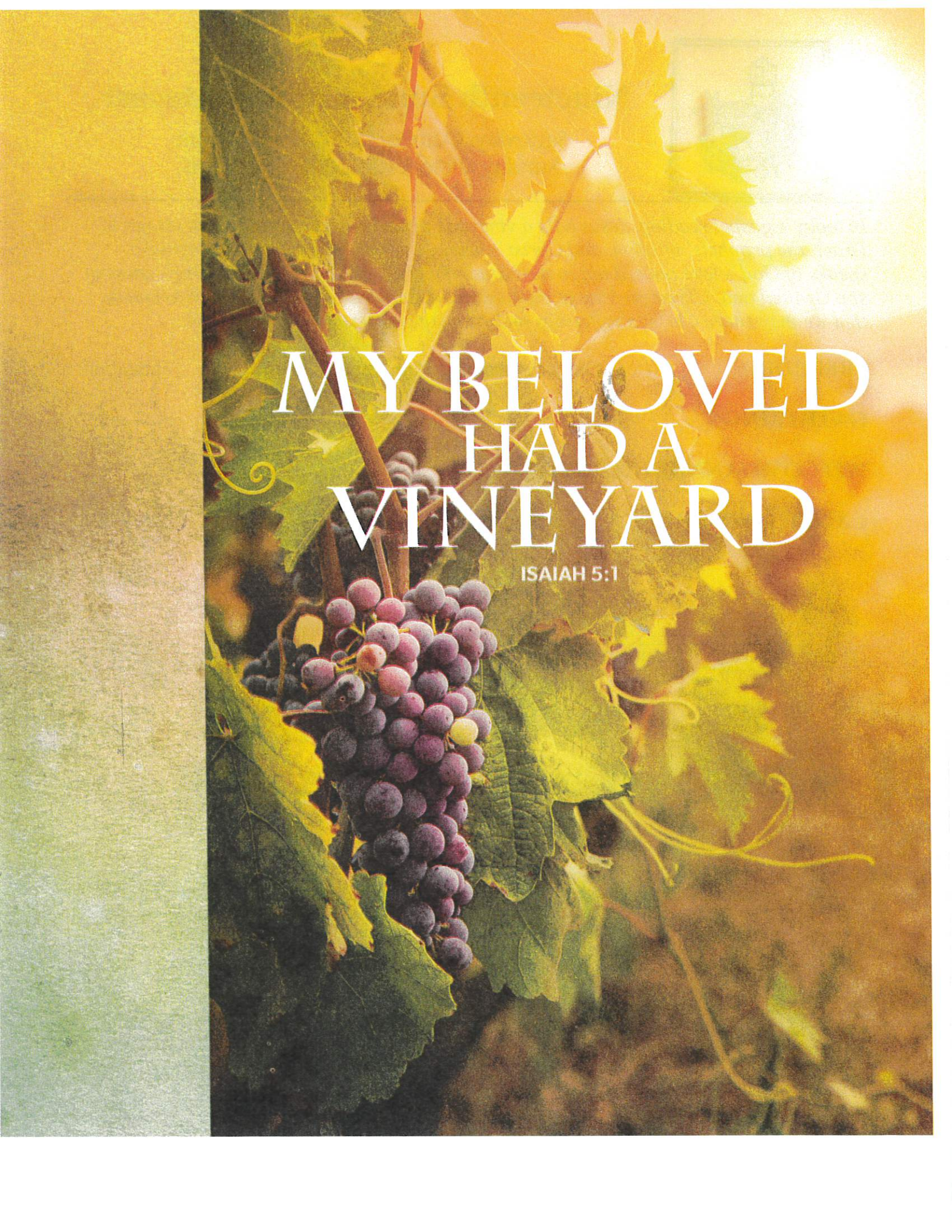




MY BELOVED HAD A VINEYARD

ISAIAH 5:1



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, October 7, 2023 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 8, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

PRELUDE

"Our Confidence is in the Lord"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

♩ = 86

C F C Am G

Come to-geth-er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec-tion from the liv-ing cen-ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en-cy my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear cre-a-tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

F C Am F

But all is read-y will you come? Love in-vites the way.
 With each oth-er we are one. here in Je-sus' name.
 In the roar of vi-o-lence the world cries for peace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, 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 a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Rain Down

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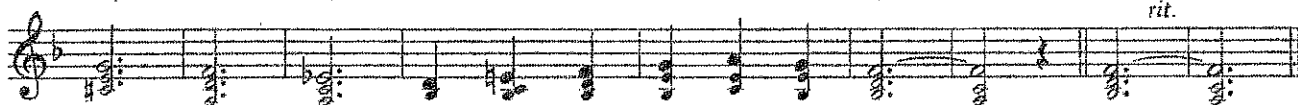
Slow gospel swing ♩ = c. 88

Capo III: D F#7/C# Bm D7/A G D/F# Em9 A A7 D
F A7/E Dm F7/C Bb F/A Gm9 C C7 F



Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple. — Rain

F#7/C# Bm D7/A G A A7 G/D D G/A G/D D
A7/E Dm F7/C Bb C C7 Bb/F F Bb/C Bb/F rit. F



down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. — life. —

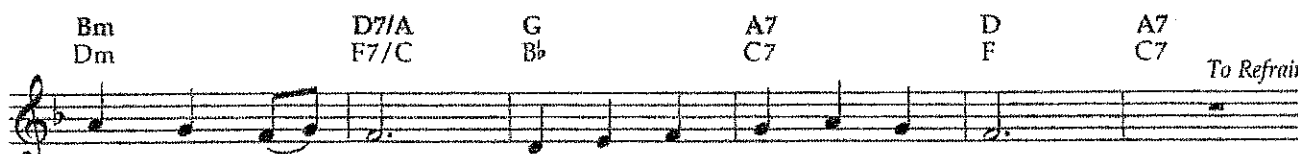
VERSES



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our — God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our — God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. — God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. — God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. — Grant that your love, and your



1. just and the — right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our — hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

Jaime Cortez

Acc. by Craig Kingsbury

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

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!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore 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.**

⁹You 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.**

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 READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

[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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us O Lord”

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 90. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the acclamation, and the second system contains the next two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the soprano staff and below the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

System 1:

Soprano: Help us O Lord to hear your word. O-pen our hearts to

Bass: (no lyrics)

System 2:

Soprano: feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

Bass: (no lyrics)

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GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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. 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

“Christ In Me Arise”

Jubilation

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"
The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth.
of - fer in joy what you first to us gave:

Am C D
Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7
Re - mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're
Re - ceive them all now, this is our

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

PRAYER OF 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

♩ = 100 *E♭ (D) (guitar: capo 1)* *B♭m/G (Am/F♯)* *A♭ (G)*

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God,

E♭/G (D/F♯) *A♭Maj7 (GMaj7)* *Gm7 (F♯m7)*

you take a - way the sin of the

1, 2, 3 *C7 (B7)* *E♭ (D)* *F (E)* *F7 (E7)* *B♭7 (A7)*

world: have mer - cy on us.

(Continued on the next page.)

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C7 (B7) E♭ (D) F (E) F7 (E7) B♭7 (A7) E♭ (D)

world: grant us your peace, _____ grant us your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Indoors, the ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Outdoors, you may come to receive communion whenever you are ready. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward to receive a blessing. There are baskets at the end of the front pews when indoors or near the communion assistant when outdoors where you can deposit your cups as your return to your seat. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS "Now the Feast and Celebration"
"I am the Bread of Life"

Jubilation

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. 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.

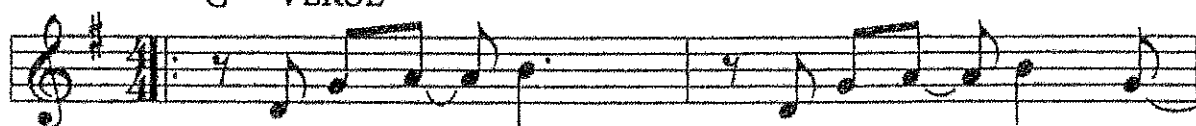
BLESSING

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

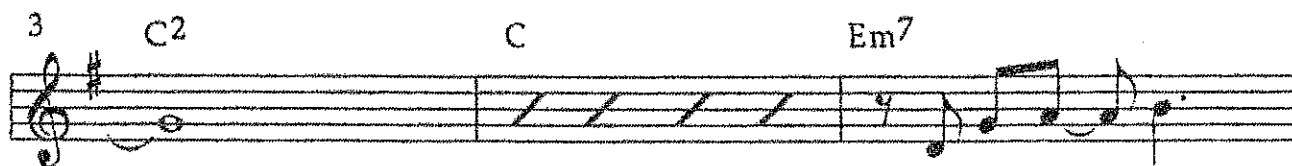
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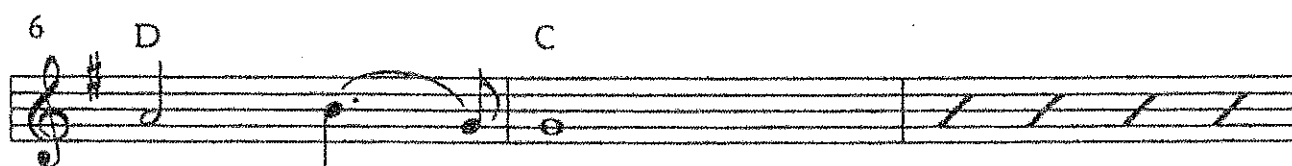


1. In the se - cret,
2. I am reach - ing

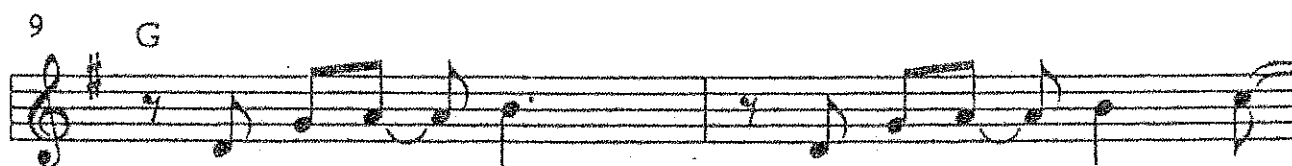
in the qui - et place, -
for the high - est goal -



in the still - ness
that I might re -



You are there.
ceive the prize.



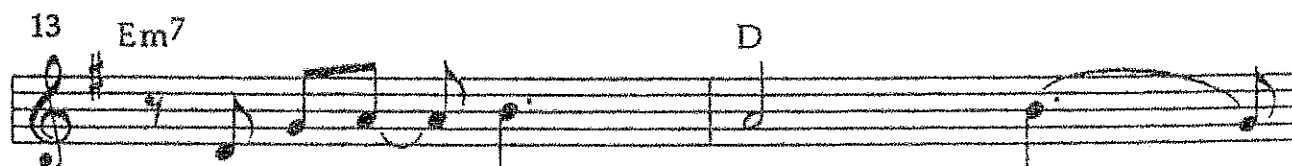
In the se - cret,
Press - ing on - ward,

in the qui - et hour -
push - ing ev - 'ry hin -



I wait
- drance a - side,

on - ly for You,
out of my way,



'cause I want to
'cause I want to

know
know

You
You

15 C

more.
more.

17 Σ G CHORUS D Em

I want to know_____You. I want to

20 G/C Am/C G/C G

hear Your_____voice. I want to

22 D C

know_____You more.

25 G D Em

I want to touch_____You. I want to

28 G/C Am/C G/C G D 3rd time to Coda Σ

see Your_____face. I want to know_____You

31 C

1. G/C C	2. 'D.S. al CODA Σ G/C C
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more.

Σ CODA

34 C

G

more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	<i>Not finalized at the time of printing.</i>
Reader	Jim Schneider
Communion Assistant	<i>Not finalized at the time of printing.</i>
Counters	Craig & Jayne Hirl

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Justin & Drake Huffman
Reader	Addyson Yanke
Communion Assistant	Sandra Knoche
Counters	Carol Marten & Mary Moore

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowsi and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker

Solidarity in Rejection

People face rejection for all kinds of reasons: race, nationality, gender, native language, political beliefs. Rejection is a painful experience that can wound the soul and crush the ego. Anyone who has faced it for one reason or another knows the deep hurt of rejection.

Jesus faced rejection. He faced people with power who rejected his teachings, his ministry, his identity, and ultimately, his whole self. Even many of his followers had a hard time accepting his teaching and walked away. Matthew tells us Jesus understood his rejection in a significant way: "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?'" (Matthew 21:42).

Jesus saw that his rejection could be used for God's purposes, shocking as it sounds. The Rejected One becomes God's means of transformation by turning that rejection into an offer of mercy for all, even for those who rejected him. His rejection shows all who face similar fates that even when all others abandon them, God claims them as beloved. Jesus' rejection becomes the opposite: God's acceptance of us.

All who face rejection in this life can trust that Jesus lives in solidarity with them. They can even come to see that God can use their pain and hurt to create something new. Baptized, we live in an unbreakable covenant of acceptance. We are invited to the table of inclusion. This doesn't eliminate the pain or justify the rejection, but it does open up new possibilities for healing and empowerment. Living as siblings of Christ the rejected one, we come to have such bold faith, and it is amazing in our eyes.

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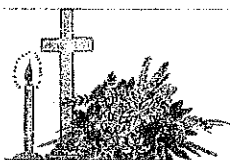
GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 7 & 8, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are given by Nancy Germain in loving memory of Nicholas Germain, whose birthday would have been on Wednesday October 4th



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Duane Miller	Melissa Alden	Pam Lueder
Sally Puls	Henry Storjohann	Sue Vogel	Barb Conklen
Jensen Spencer	Dan Anderson	Andrew Arp	Glen
Ann Kuehl	Pam White	Kim Pierce	Kelly
Madison Russo	Leona Farley	Jeanette Myers	Vaughn
Janet Bowman	Ed Stoltz	Bill Lind	Mary Lou
Kathy Stoltz	Jerry Schwien	Becky Rehn	Shawn
Steve Mixdorf	Judy Knoer	James Deeds	Don

50 Golden Anniversary

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

RSVP now for the 50th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, October 14th after the 5 pm church service. All members who have (or would have) celebrated 50 years or more of marriage are encouraged to join us. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office by October 7th, so the fellowship team knows how much food to prepare.

If you have questions, please contact Deanna Nielsen at 370-7444 or deannasnielsen@gmail.com.



CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 15th, @ 10:15 am

Join us on Sunday, October 15, for our monthly congregational breakfast following the 9 am worship service. At each breakfast, the Bible story for the day will be explored through questions that guide your table conversation. It is our hope that these intergenerational congregational breakfasts will be an opportunity for us to grow in faith and in relationship with one another.



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Please join us for a weekly study of the scripture together on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!



WORSHIP!

We need communion assistants, readers and ushers weekly. Please signup to assist in worship any way that you are able. ***Please consider volunteering and sign up on the bulletin board*** to help our Faith Family heads complete the worship schedule. Thank you! *Nina Looney, Worship & Music Team Leader*

Homecoming
2023



Thank you to all who helped with the North Scott Clergy Tailgate Picnic! It was fun to have so many people gathered on the lawn at Faith to celebrate Homecoming together!



5pm: 24, 9am: 69, Online: 36, Total: 129

MUSIC MINISTRY

It's not too late to come and be a part of People of Praise choir or Resounding Joy! chime choir. People of Praise, for singers who are high school age and up, rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Resounding Joy chime choir (for folks high school age and up) also rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:10 p.m., in the sanctuary. (Please note that you must be able to read music to participate in the chime choir.) Come join the fun and fellowship as we make music together!

If you have questions, feel free to contact our Music Director, Sue Becker, 386-2896, or susan.becker1995@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

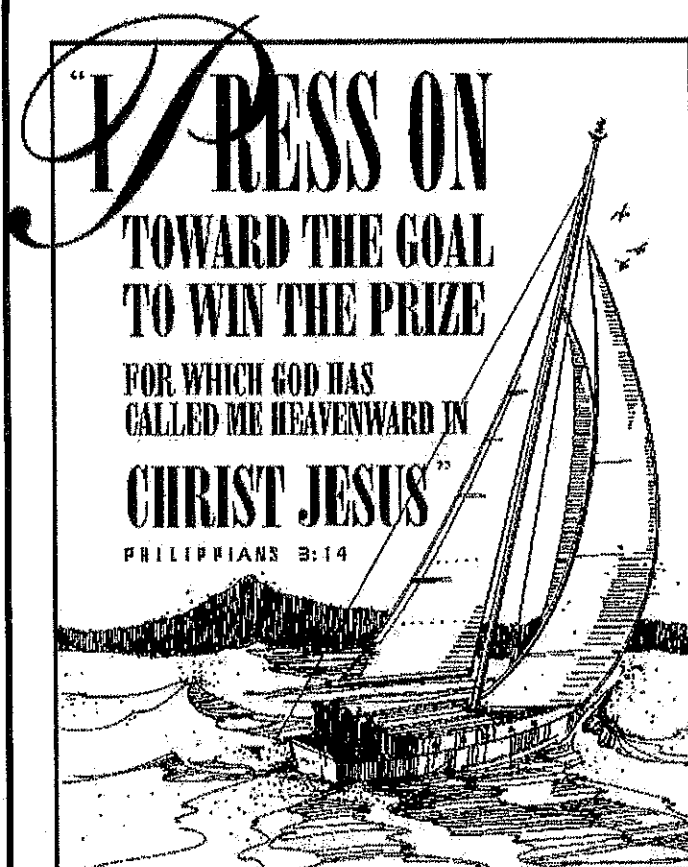
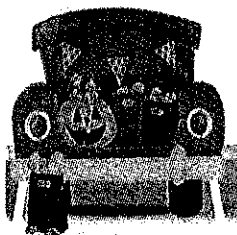
Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a Blood Drive with the ImpactLife Blood Center on Monday, October 23, from 3-6pm. The need for blood increases during the summer months. Please mark the calendar and consider donation. Call Tom Carlson @ (319)231-0845 or E-mail Tom at Carlson.thomas@mchsi.com to set up an appointment.

TRUNK or TREAT

On Halloween,
Tuesday,
October 31,
from 5:30 to

7:30 pm, we will host a Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. We invite anyone in the congregation to decorate the back of their car and hand out treats (self supplied) to the kids who are trick-or-treating. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BAFAA28A3FE3-44484228-faith>

Thank you for making this night special for the children in our neighborhood.



THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



Saturday, October 7	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, October 8	9:00 am	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday, October 9	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00 pm	Lion's Club
Tuesday, October 10	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, October 11	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:00 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
	7:10 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, October 12	6:30 pm	Team Night
	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, October 13	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, October 14	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online w/ New Member Welcome
	6:00 pm	50th Wedding Anniversary Dinner
Sunday, October 15	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary w/ New Member Welcome
	10:15 am	Congregational Breakfast
	10:15 am	Sunday School



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm** at **(563) 285-4501**. **For after-hour emergencies**, please contact Pastor Carrie at **(641) 275-1326** or Pastor Heather at **(563) 639-9606**.