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**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
Tower Bells  
Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.*  
*Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

Opening Hymn

*O Love, How Deep*

**LSB 544**

Order of Matins p 219 (*liturgy is sung*)

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite LSB 220 (*sing*)

**O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**the strength of the hills is His also.**

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**  
**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.**  
**The deep places of the earth are in His hand;**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.**  
**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Introit Psalm 80:7-19 (*spoken*)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
8 You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**you drove out the nations and planted it.**  
9 You cleared the ground for it;  
**it took deep root and filled the land.**  
10 The mountains were covered with its shade,  
**the mighty cedars with its branches.**  
11 It sent out its branches to the sea  
**and its shoots to the River.**  
12 Why then have you broken down its walls,  
**so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**  
13 The boar from the forest ravages it,  
**and all that move in the field feed on it.**  
14 Turn again, O God of hosts!

**Look down from heaven, and see;**  
**have regard for this vine,**  
15 the stock that your right hand planted,  
**and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**  
16 They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;  
**may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**  
17 But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
**the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**  
18 Then we shall not turn back from you;  
**give us life, and we will call upon your name!**  
19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
**Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 (*Congregation sits*)

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;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men 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 looked for 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 briars and thorns shall grow up;  
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 men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4-14

4 though 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: 5 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; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 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 9 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— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 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. 13 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, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46 (*Congregation Stands*)

33 “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. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 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 have his inheritance.’ 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

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 marvelous in our eyes’?”

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory LSB 221

(Sing) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Apostles’ Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

*What Is the World to Me*

**LSB 730**

Sermon

Hymn

*O Savior Precious Savior*

**LSB 527**

*(Offering brought forward during last verse.)*

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord’s planting, that by the sacrifice of Christ and the comfort of His Spirit, she may yield much fruit for His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For confidence to share in the sufferings of Jesus Christ, who died to make us His own, that we may also know the power of His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all orphans, that they would be given a safe place in which to grow and thrive; and for generous couples, who will give them permanent homes through adoption, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed leaders, that they may know and do according to the Lord's will and the light of the Lord may shine upon our nation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For safety and success in all our daily labors of harvest, working in industry, education, food service, merchandising, the arts and sciences, medical and emergency services, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who weep here, that the Lord of hosts, who at last will wipe away all tears, would comfort them as they await full restoration at His heavenly banquet, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strong hearts to heed the pruning Law of the Lord, that we may never presume to sin nor trust in our own deeds but look to the rainfall of His grace for our source of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For zeal directed by the Gospel of Christ and hands strengthened to accomplish the fruitful work of God in this fallen world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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In Our Prayers – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

**ALL: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect for the Week

**ALL: 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. Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

**ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**LSB 790**

## Silent Prayer

## Extinguish Candles and Postlude

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