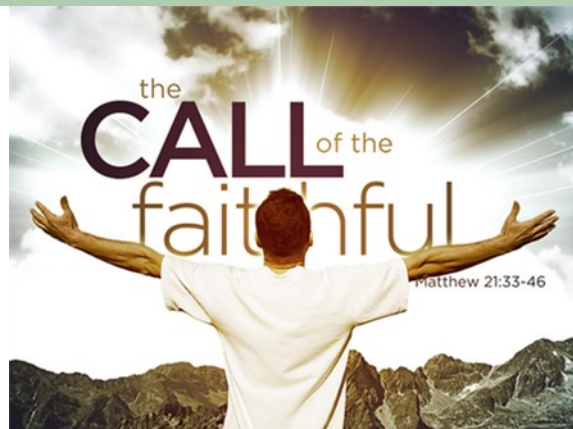


Pentecost 18  
Sunday, October 4, 2020



## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

### Greeting & Prayer

#### Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.**

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## Scripture Readings

### First 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; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people 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 expected 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 it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; 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 people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

L: Word of God; word of life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:7-15

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

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## Second Reading: Philippians 3:3-14

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 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 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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

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## The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“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. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 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 get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

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’?”

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. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 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.**

**Message:** Pastor Dwight Rudquist

## **Hymn of the Day: Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

## **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**

P: Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, ... join in their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### Distribution of Elements

#### Communion Hymn: Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tell me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

#### Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Closing Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate; Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.



**PRAYERCARE** Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the families of the St. Croix Falls students: McKinley Erickson and Kegan Koshiol, the family of Andrew Dorsing, Cheryl Slattengren, the family of John Solheim, the family of Gail Peterson, Cheri, Cara, Emily, Tammi, Shawna, Aunt Bobby, Aunt Barb, Uncle Jerry, Amanda's foster Mom, Amanda's Dad & brother Mike, Vicki Ford, the family of Gordon Fick, Dave Danberg, Marilyn Burnes, Geri Swenson, the family of Andy Swenson, the family of Duane Rudquist, Don Grover, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Doris Fors, and the family of Jeremy Greene,

Ann Rue, Helen Swanson, Jolene, Maggie, the Hackmann Family, Rose Anderson & the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Peterson, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Caren Carlson, and Rose Anderson.

## Announcements

**Steeple Fundraiser:** Saturday, October 10th 8am to 9:30am. Breakfast Sandwich To Go with coffee or water. This event will be drive through, similar to the last fundraiser. Free will offering. We'd appreciate if you pre-ordered your sandwich for food accuracy! Order forms are at the registration table! Please hand this back to Angie, email your order to parishc@tflutheran.org or call the church office at 651-465-5265. If you have any questions, call Angie in the church office! Maple Syrup will also be for sale: 1/2 Pint \$6, Pint \$10, Quart \$17 and Half Gallon \$30.

**Confirmation Class:** If you are interested in attending Zoom Online Confirmation Classes and have not received a letter regarding dates/times, please call Angie in the office for more information. Classes start in October.

**Outdoor Worship:** We are hoping to have a few Sundays in October that will be nice enough to hold outdoor worship. We will keep you posted by email and on our website!

**Worship Assisting:** If you would like to be a lector or sing for a worship service (outdoor or online), we'd love to have you! Please contact Angie in the office for more details!

### Video Credits

Pastor Dwight Rudquist  
Toni Brekke: Organ  
Natalie Landgreen: Vocals  
Natalie Landgreen: Lector  
Carli Linngren: Photography  
Angie Linngren: Photography, Filming & Editing

## Intergenerational Faith Formation: Game Day

- Stay after worship today for a fun "Name That Tune" game! Toni will try her best to stump us by playing tunes on the piano for 10 - 15 minutes!!!
- Prayers Partner Sign Up. Check out the clipboard with prayer partners listed. Please indicate if you'd like to keep your prayer partner from last year or be paired up with a new one. Our Goal: each child and each youth be paired with an adult!
- Recorded Book Readings. We'd love for you to read a book to share with others. Please check out the sign up sheet at the registration table to sign up for a month!
- Food4Kids Backpack Program collection bin is located at the registration table. We appreciate any donations for this ongoing needed program.
- Family Pathways. We will continue to collect canned and boxed food for those in great need within our community!

### Next Week: Prayer Partner Day

#### Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

#### Have questions or in need of something?

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