

**Order of Worship  
for  
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 8, 2023**

**HYMN**  
**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**  
ELW 671

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen!**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*  
**And also with you!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
**“This is the Feast of Victory”**  
ELW pg 140-141

**PRAYER**

*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.*

**SONG**  
**“Kyrie Eleison”**

**READING**

Philippians 3:4-14

**The lesson is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, chapter three,  
Verses 4 through fourteen.**

**Paul writes:**

*<sup>4</sup> 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: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.*

*<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

*<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:33-46

**Our Gospel reading is from Matthew,  
chapter twenty-one, verses thirty-three through forty-six.**

**Matthew writes:**

*“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. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> 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.”*

*<sup>42</sup> 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’?*

*<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”*

*<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*“Blue Ribbons”*

Rev. Steve Albertin

*We're proud of the blue ribbons we've won. What does Jesus think about them?  
Let's join Pastor Steve as he explores this with the kids!*

## MESSAGE

“Reversing Revenge”

Rev. Steve Albertin

*In Jesus Christ the never-ending cycle of revenge and making everyone pay is reversed and undone!*

*The thirst for revenge that afflicts all of us is vividly portrayed in the parable in today's Gospel.*

*The parable not only portrays the hatred and revenge that led to Jesus's death, but also the hatred and revenge that resides in every one of us.*

*Amazingly, God uses human hatred and revenge to love the world. "The stone which the builders rejected (Jesus) became the head of the corner." Jesus's death becomes the very means by which God forgives us and frees us from the cycle of revenge.*

*An example of reversing revenge: a victim forgives his torturer.*

## SONG

“And That My Soul Knows Very Well”

### OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.*

**Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word.**

**We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.**

*As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

### **OFFERING**

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### **HYMN**

**"We Are an Offering"**

ELW 692

### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE 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.

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.*

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.*

#### **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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

***For those worshipping in-house,  
we invite you to come forward if you wish.  
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,  
you may do so.***

***For those joining us online,  
if you are able,  
we invite you to take communion where you are,  
using any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice  
so that you may receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus the Christ.***

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and  
peace, now and forever. Amen!***

### **HYMN**

**“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”**

**ELW 608**

## **BENEDICTION**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God's peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

## **SONG**

### **“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”**

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