

**Message**

**Hymn** "Thine the Amen: ELW#826  
*Hymn will be played. You may hum along.*

**Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**  
L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesu, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the word of your Son. Give us the light we need awaken us to the needs of others.

We especially pray;  
For the church universal, it's ministry, and the mission of the gospel;  
For the well-being of creation;  
For peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority  
For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely;  
For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

*Additional prayer will be lifted here.*

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.  
Leader will lead the Lord's Prayer and you may pray in silence.*

**Sending**

*God bless us and send us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing and Dismissal**

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

**Postlude** "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" ELW# 803

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*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Penetcost*

*<sup>33</sup>"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. Matthew 21:33"*

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to FM 90.5

*Thank you for joining our service today.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

*We strive to live to follow God's commandments but we fall short. In this time of confession, we will bring before God our shortcomings and ask God for forgiveness. Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism that in Confession "[you] reflect on your walk of life in light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen neglected, wasted, or injured anything." (ELW page 1165)*

*This morning we confess to God in silence. You may read the Ten Commandments to help you reflect last week.*

1. You shall have no other god's.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother
5. You shall not murder
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**P:** Apostle Paul reminds us that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39) God forgives all our sins. Let us live in new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" ELW# 729  
*Hymn will be played. You may hum along.*

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"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. <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>Finally 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 the fruits of the kingdom. <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.

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