

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



8:45 Drive-in

10:00 am (online)

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Zion Lutheran Church

Camas, Washington

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Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage 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.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

Gathering Hymn “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Number 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

## WORD

Psalm Reading

Psalm 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. <sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it. <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. <sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river. <sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? <sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it. <sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; <sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Bible Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: <sup>4b</sup>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 make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

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’? 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

Number 793

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Nicene Creed

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C: ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

### *A brief silence*

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,

### ***hear our prayer.***

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

### ***hear our prayer.***

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

### ***hear our prayer.***

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today, especially those we name out loud and in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

### ***hear our prayer.***

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy,

### ***hear our prayer.***

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

P: May the peace of the risen Christ be with all of you.

C: ***And also with you.***

*Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.*

Lord, make us instruments of Thy peace:  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy...  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

*"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"*

Number 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SENDING

Sending Hymn                      *"Beautiful Savior"*                      Number 838

1.      Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy,  
my crown.
2.      Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of  
blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our  
sorrowing spirit sing.
3.      Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars  
on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the  
angels in the sky.
4.      Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be  
thine!

Dismissal

P:      Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C:      ***Thanks be to God!***

*Our thanks to this morning's musicians:* Pat Hagensen, Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson

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