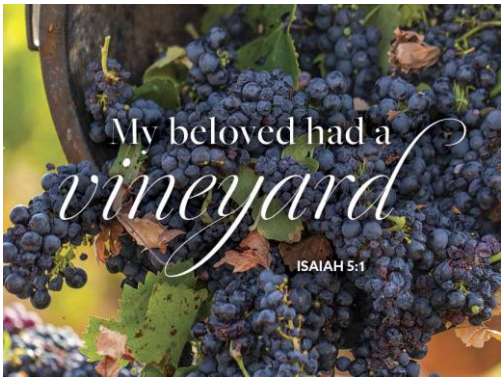

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 4, 2026
In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

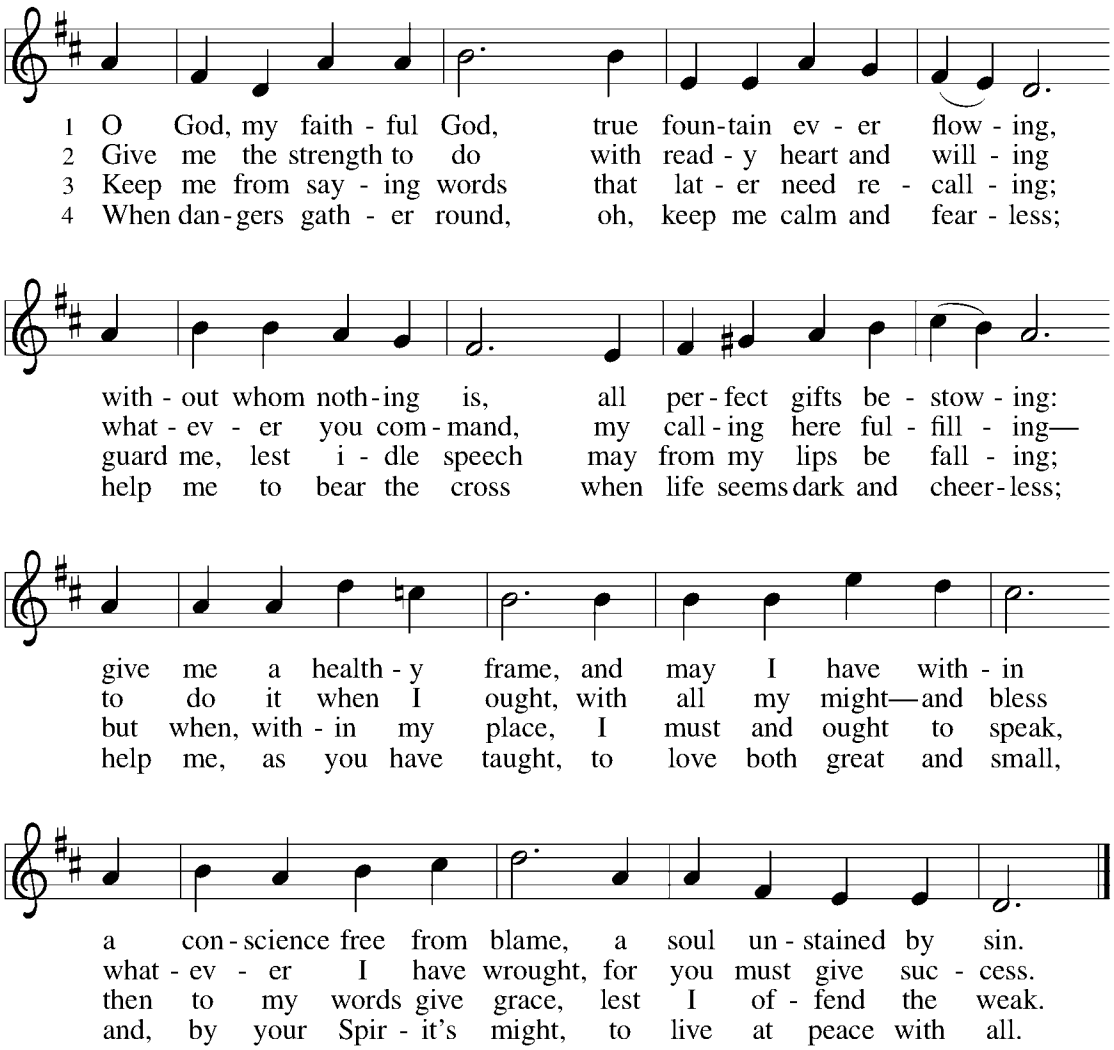
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

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.
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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"O God, My Faithful God"* **LBW No. 504**

O God, My Faithful God



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Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . . .

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.
Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7
The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

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;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people 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 expected 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 it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
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 people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

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

preserve what your <u>right</u> | hand has planted.

<u>Gloria Patri (*chanted after the psalm*)</u>
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship with God he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
5 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; 6 as to zeal, a
persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
8 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 9 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. 10 I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his
death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
12 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. 13 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, 14 I press on toward the goal for the
prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

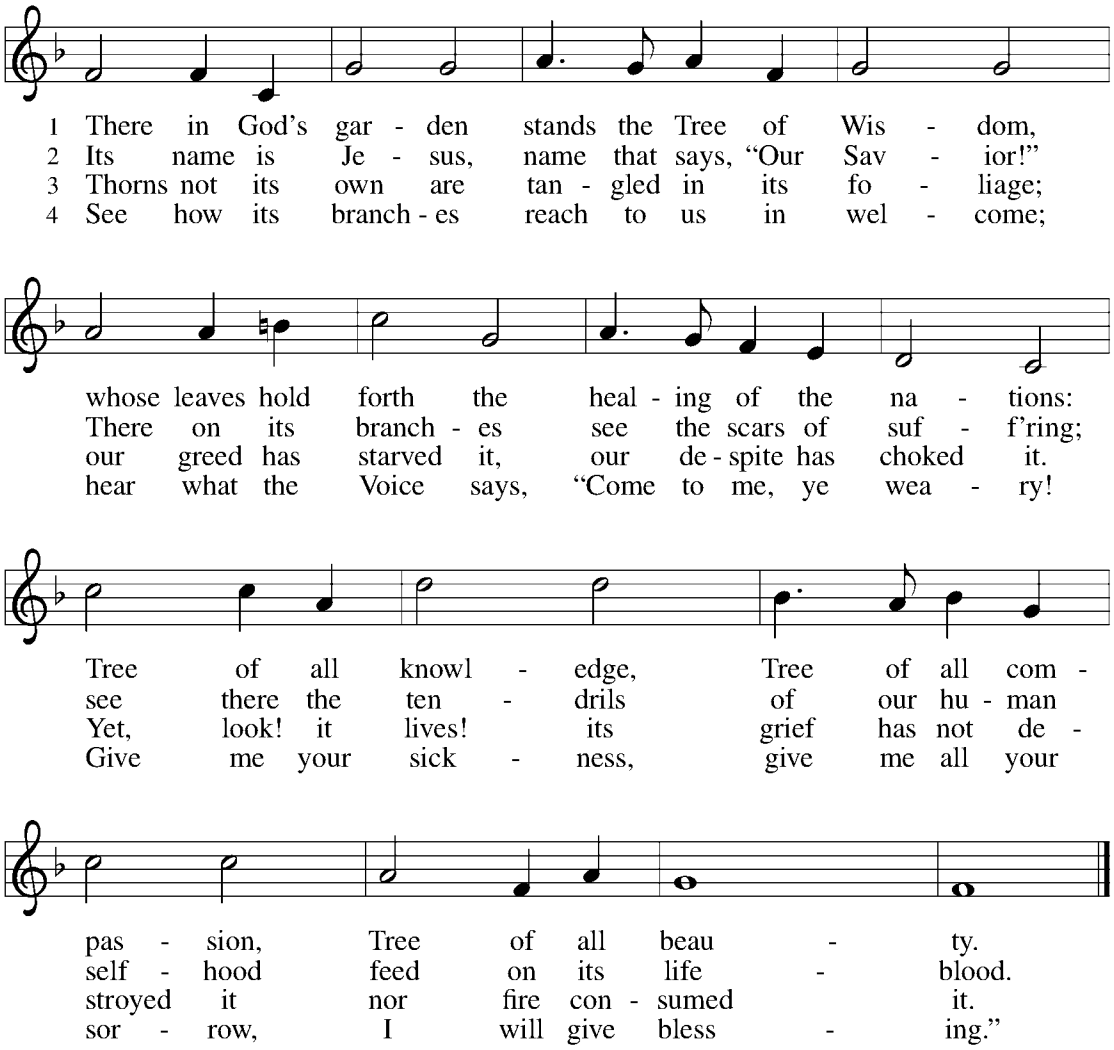
Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of Scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] 33 "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. 34 When the
harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But
the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again
he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.
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

get his inheritance.’ [39]So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
[40]Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”
[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 amazing in our eyes’?
[43]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. [44]The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
[45]When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. [46]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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"There in God’s Garden”* **WOV No. 668**

There in God's Garden



5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, tend your Church, your beloved vineyard and pleasant planting. Cause your Church throughout the world to bear much fruit, that through your Word and Sacraments many may be brought to faith in your Son. And bless this congregation called Trinity, built on the cornerstone of your Son. Give us thankful hearts, that we might share your love with all people, counting everything else as loss compared with the value of knowing Christ as Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give everyone entrusted with worldly authority a hunger for justice and a thirst for righteousness. Provide for the poor, uphold the needy, and deal tenderly with those recovering from disaster or violence. Strengthen and defend all who risk their lives in service to others. And bring about the day when bloodshed and injustice will cease, and where all people will live in peace and call upon your Name with joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore the lives of all who cry out to you in their distress of body, mind, or spirit, especially those we have named aloud or remember before you now. Shine the light of your countenance upon them, that they may be strengthened, healed, and saved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, with gratitude and affection we entrust into your keeping the lives of all our faithful departed. Comfort those whose grief runs deep. And keep us united to your dear Son, that in your good time we may be welcomed into the eternal planting of your heavenly vineyard, and rejoice in seeing you face to face. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord…

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by clicking here.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Hear, Thou Shepherd of Israel"* J.C. Beckwith

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 204, 406

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

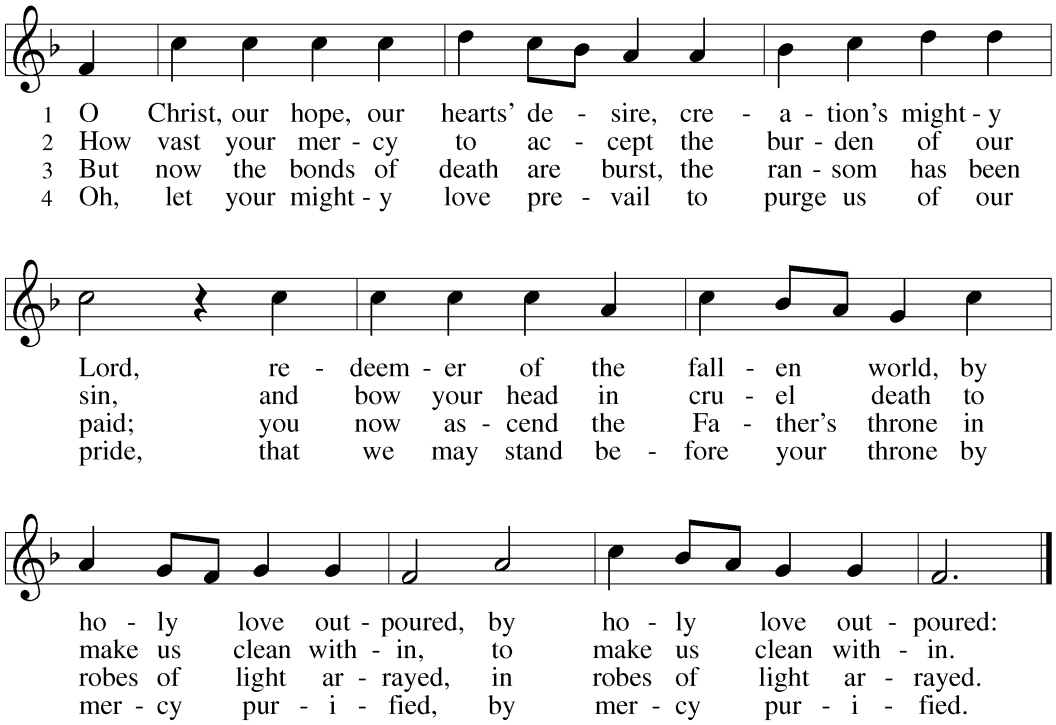
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"O Christ, Our Hope"* **LBW No. 300**

O Christ, Our Hope



5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
our future great reward;
our only glory, may it be
to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

DISMISSAL
D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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