

# Full Service Bulletin

## PRAISE SERVICE

### OCTOBER 8, 2023

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## HARVEST HOME

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

### PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:*

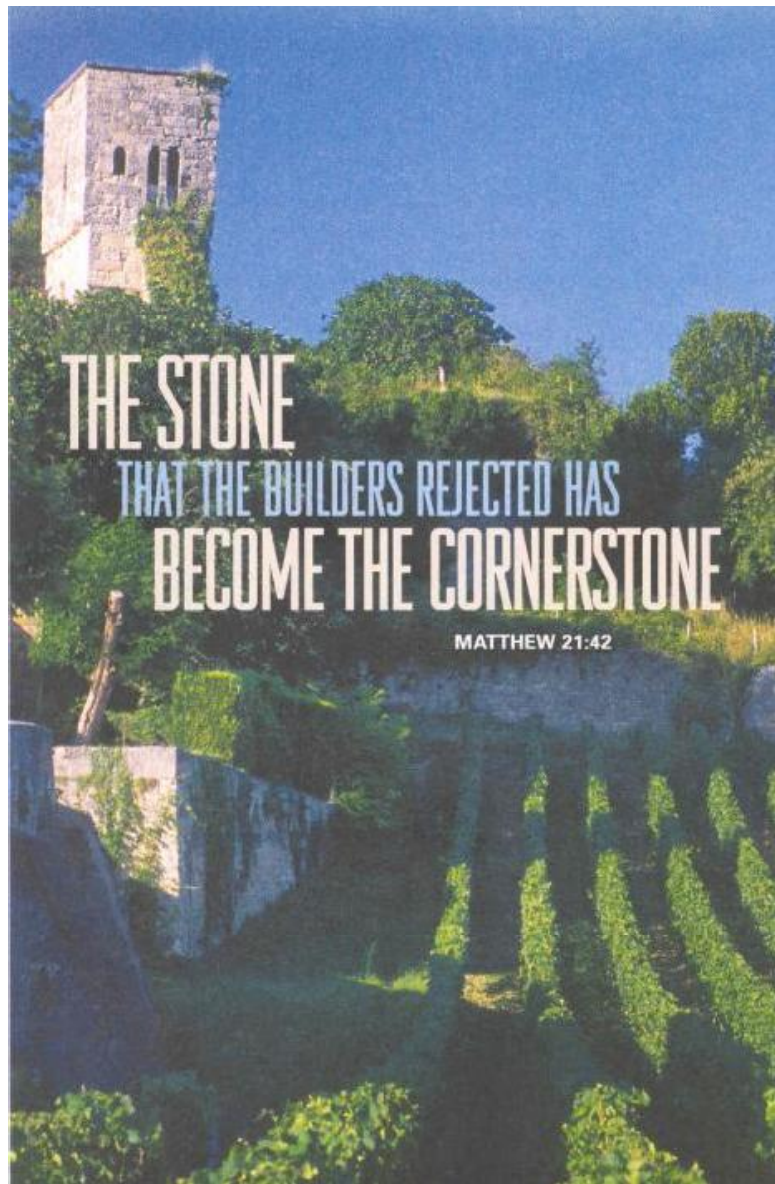
**God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**


### CHILDREN

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*


### INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with his blood and drawn to each other by his love

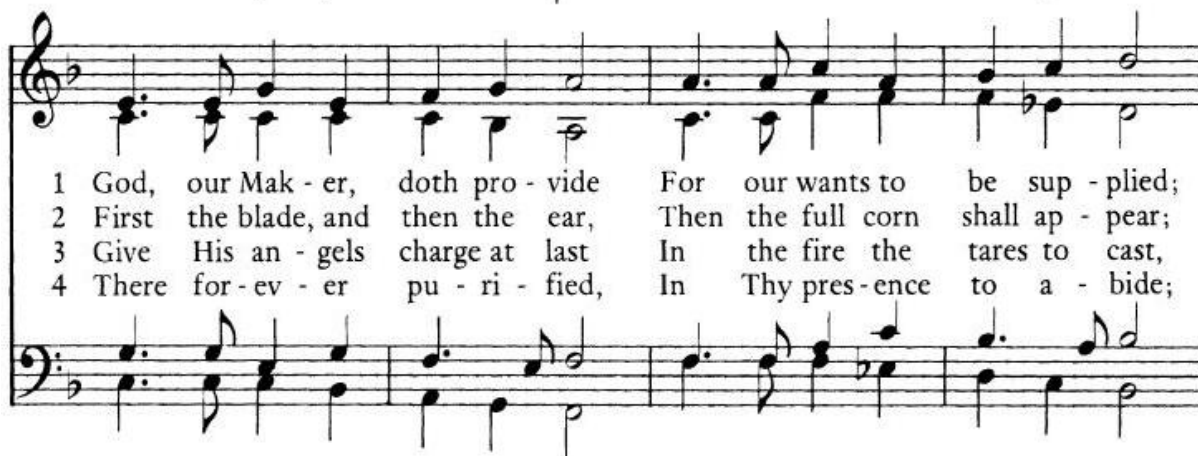




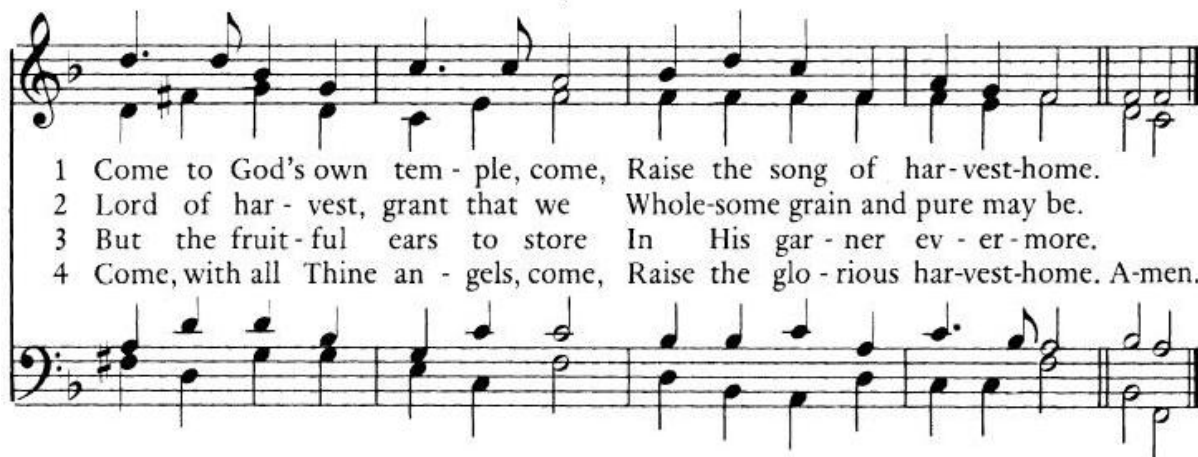
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest-home;  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His har - vest-home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



1 All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin:  
 2 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - rows grown:  
 3 From His field shall in that day All of - fens-es purge a - way,  
 4 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin:



1 God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;  
 2 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;  
 3 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 4 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide;



1 Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest-home.  
 2 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 3 But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er-more.  
 4 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest-home. A-men.

## WELCOME AND MEDITATION

### GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (Maj # 89 - favorite)*

### INVOCATION *( = All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who is Sower, Seed and Fruit. **C: AMEN.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*(Please kneel.)*

P: God of heaven and earth, **C: We name before You the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

**C: Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. AMEN.**

P: Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ. **C: AMEN.**

### GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### WE PRAISE GOD’S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Maj # 519 - favorite)*

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:      **C: 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.**

*(Please sit.)*

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 80:7-19

*(congregation reads indented)*

Restore us, O God Almighty;

**make Your face shine upon us, 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,

**and it took root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade,

**the mighty cedars with its branches.**

It sent out its boughs to the Sea,

**its shoots as far as the River.**

Why have You broken down its walls

**so that all who pass by pick its grapes?**

Boars from the forest ravage it

**and the creatures of the field feed on it.**

Return to us, O God Almighty!

**Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,**  
the root Your right hand has planted,

**the son You have raised up for Yourself.**

Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;

**at Your rebuke Your people perish.**

Let Your hand rest on the Man at Your right hand,

**the Son of Man You have raised up for Yourself.**

Then we will not turn away from You;

**revive us, and we will call on Your name.**

Restore us, O LORD God Almighty;

**make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

### CHILDREN'S CHAT - Ruthann Kistler

**FIRST READING** ....Isaiah 5:1-7.....Pew Bible p. 1065

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....Philippians 3:1-16.....p. 1828

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

*"The Longer I Serve Him" verse 1 (Maj # 657 - favorite)*

William J. Gaither

1 Since I start - ed for the King - dom, Since my life He con -  
2 Ev - ery need He is sup - ply - ing, Plen - teous grace He be -

1 trols, Since I gave my heart to Je - sus, The long - er I  
2 stows; Ev - ery day my way gets bright - er, The long - er I

1 serve Him, the sweet - er He grows. The long - er I serve Him the sweet - er  
2 serve Him, the sweet - er He grows.

He grows, The more that I love Him, more love He be - stows; Each day is like  
 heav-en, my heart o-ver-flows, The long-er I serve Him the sweet-er He grows.

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

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

**GOSPEL** ....Matthew 21:33-46.....Pg. 1533

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*The Longer I Serve Him*” vs 2

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** “*Vineyard Stories*”

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.*

*(Romans 15:13)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please rise.)*

*“Revive Us Again” (Maj # 391 - favorite)*

1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, For Je - sus who  
 2. We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spir - it of light, Who has shown us our  
 3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our  
 4. Re - vive us a - gain - fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be re -

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died and is now gone a - bove.  
 Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah, Thine the glo - ry! Hal - le -  
 sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
 kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

lu - jah, a - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, Thine the glo - ry! Re - vive us a - gain.

## SMALL CATECHISM READING

P: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part IV. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

P: What is Baptism?

**C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water contained within God's command and united with God's Word**

P: Where in the Word of God is this?

**C: Where our Lord Christ spoke in the last chapter of Matthew (*Matthew 28:19*): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

P: What gifts or benefits does Baptism bestow?

**C: It gives us the forgiveness of sins, redeems us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as God's words and promises declare.**

P: What are these words and promises of God?

**C: Our Lord Christ spoke, in the last chapter of Mark (*Mark 16:16*): "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned."**



# OFFERTORY *(Sung while the offering is collected.)*

## "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" (SBH # 364)

Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815  
Tr. by Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878

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Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800

1. We plow the fields, and scat - ter The good seed on the land,  
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er Of all things near and far;  
3. We thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;  
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star;  
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;

He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey Him, By Him the birds are fed;  
Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer For all Thy love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
Much more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.  
And what Thou most de - sir - est, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heaven a - bove.

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all His love. A - MEN.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Harvest Home Dialog

L: In the wisdom of God there are seasons on earth which determine the cycles of all life.

**C: He has made a time for sowing, a time for tilling, a time for harvesting and a time for the land to rest.**

L: In the generosity of God He sends the rain and the sunshine both on the obedient and the disobedient.

**C: We gratefully acknowledge the love of God which brings grain, vegetables and fruit for all to receive.**

L: In the providence of God He gives His command that we should share our food with those who lack.

**C: We are not owners but stewards of all that God gives us, and so we shall obey His wishes.**

L: This is the time of harvest and we offer a portion of His gifts for the needs of others, for the abundance is truly the Lord's,

**C: and by these gifts may others join in our praise.**

*Additional prayers may be offered.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## **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.**

## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

## **BLESSING**

P: God almighty, God most merciful, God ever present, bless us, keep us, and grant us peace. **C: AMEN.**

## **SENDING HYMN** *(Please rise.)*

*"Praise and Thanksgiving, Father, We Offer" (LBW # 409)*

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise  
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -  
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.  
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.  
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

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## PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

### FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.*

*Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.*

*You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown

GRASS: Tom Barlow, Larry Wonderly, Melissa Yalch

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
*(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)*

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