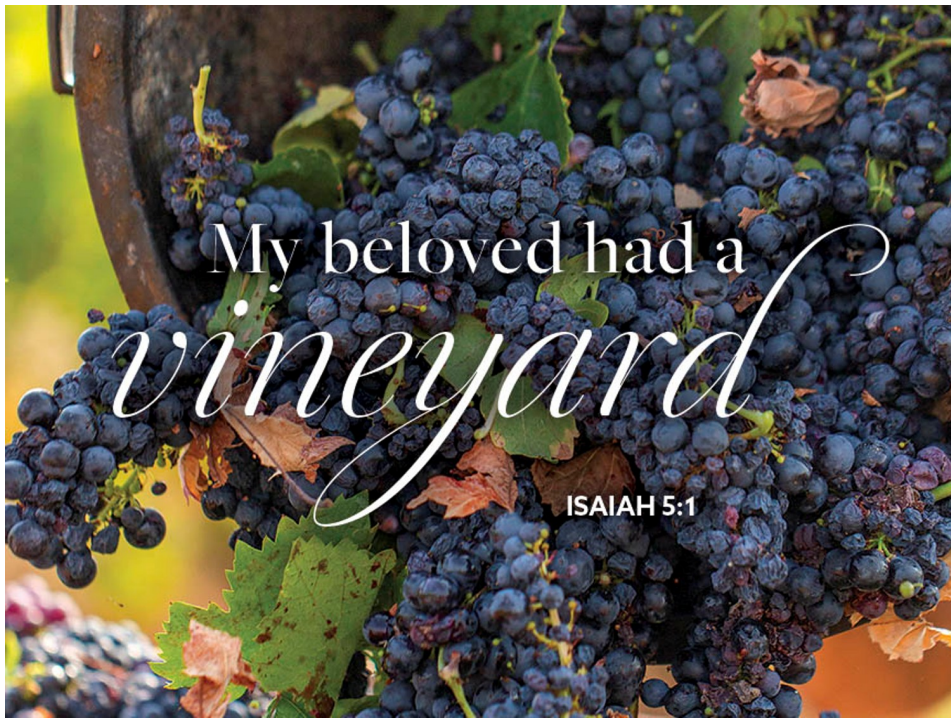


Christ the Servant - Lakeview



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *October 4, 2026*



In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as 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 wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,

but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their creator bless,

And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623

HYMN - ALL GOD'S CREATURES GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now
(*sing twice*)

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.

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.

FIRST READING - Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will 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 rotten 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 rotten 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 wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars 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 cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared 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;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING - Philippians 3:4b-14

[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 lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ "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. 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 Then 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 its fruits. 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.

SERMON - PASTOR JON

HYMN OF THE DAY - TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

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Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Apostle's Creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Your mercy is great.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - THE BUTTERFLY SONG (IF I WERE A BUTTERFLY)

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings
And if I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee

But I'd just thank you Father for making me me

'Cause you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm
And if I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my big smile
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
But I just thank you Father for making me me

'Cause you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

Attendance last Sunday, September 27 was 64
Online: 32

This week's offerings to General Fund: \$2431.50
Received online: \$280.83

UPCOMING DATES:

October 4	Blessing of Animals
October 5	Book Club - "If a Church Pew Could Talk" by Cindy Carraway Williams
October 11	Pumpkin Delivery - 4:00 PM
October 12	Pumpkin Patch Opens Photo Directory Picture Day 1
October 13	Photo Directory Picture Day 2
October 24	Trunk or Treat - 2-4 PM
November 8	60th Anniversary Celebration

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, October 4 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM - Bible Study
- 9:30 AM - Outdoor Worship - Blessing of Animals
- 10:30 AM - Fellowship

Monday, October 5

- 9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
- 10:30 AM - Book Club
- 12:00 PM - Piecemakers

Tuesday, October 6

- 7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
- 8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
- 6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, October 7

- 10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
- 6:00 PM - Youth
- 7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Thursday, October 8

- 3:45 PM - Thursday Chair Yoga

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

- 11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, October 11 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM - Bible Study
- 9:30 AM - Worship
- 10:30 AM - Fellowship
- 11:00 AM - Intentional Faith Mtg.
- 4:00 PM - Pumpkins Arrive

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Tigges
Reader: Gaye
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Tony
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musician: Gaye, Tony & Carol
Coffee Servers: OPEN
Cub Bread Pickup: Jan J.
Counters: Linda W. & Sue W.
Flowers: OPEN

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:

Kayla, (Tasha's friend), Norma, (Leila's Mother), Burdette P, Linda W, Jennifer C (best friend of Angie M), Mary Kay (Joni's Mother) Brian I (son of Pam I), Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter S), Patty W (sister of Mike W), Clarice, Jean A, Anne, Peter, Grace B.

We pray for our service men and women:

Laiden S (deployed to Germany)

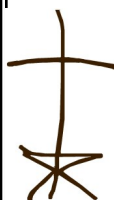
We pray for those who are grieving:

The family of Robert M., Leila's brother.

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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