



Sunday, October 8, 2017

Time after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Welcome to worship at Vinje Lutheran Church. We want you to know that you are very welcome here. We want this to be a safe place, where we can bring our best and our worst, our peace and our pain. This is a place of healing and reconciliation.

And now let us stand as we are able, to confess our brokenness and to hear God's word of forgiveness.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

*Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

*God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.*

Our sins are forgiven,

✝ God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God's people

who will always be made new,

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Let Streams of Living Justice

Hymnal #710

1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

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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.

Welcome and Announcements

WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Bible, pg. 552

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.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He 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.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What 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?

⁵And 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.

⁶I will make it a waste;
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.

⁷For 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!

Children’s Message

Please stand, as you are able

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

Hymnal #170



Alleluia. Jesus says, I chose you and ap- | pointed you* to go and bear fruit | that will last. *Alleluia.* (John 15:16)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Bible, pg. 803

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

Glory to you, O Lord

[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. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They 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.”

⁴²Jesus 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’?

⁴³Therefore 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. ⁴⁴The one who

falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of our Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

MARIE: We will sing this hymn twice in its entirety... not sure if we'll do it this way every time, but since we're teaching it, I'd like to do it twice. Thanks!!

Hymn of the Day For the Troubles and the Suffering

For the troubles and the sufferings of the world,
God, we call upon your mercy:
The whole creation's laboring in pain!

Lend an ear to the rising cry for help
From oppressed and hopeless people.
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!

We pray for peace,
The blessed peace that comes from making justice,
To cover and embrace us.
Have mercy, Lord!

We pray for power,
The power that will sustain your people's witness:
Until your kingdom come,
Kyrie eleieson!

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Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers

Hymnal #752

At the conclusion of each petition, the assembly sings:

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for two systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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Peace

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Anthem during the offering

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Anthem text:

*Amid the world's bleak wilderness
A vineyard grows with promise green
The planting of the Lord himself,
The planting of the Lord.*

*His love selected this terrain,
His vine with love he planted here
To bear the choicest fruit for him,
The choicest fruit for him.*

*We are his branches, chosen, dear,
And though we feel the dresser's knife,
We are the objects of his care,
The objects of his care.*

*From him we draw the juice of life,
For him supply his winery
With fruit from which true joys derive,
From which true joys derive.*

*Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
Your branch, with your rich life in me.*

Offertory For Such a Time as This

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?
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Other verses:

... that you are called
... that I am called

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Offering Prayer

God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that
will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

Music during Communion

Lamb of God

Hymnal pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Anthem We Are Blessed

Andrea Ramsey

Anthem text:

*Come on down, rain, come on down,
Come on down, rain, and water this ground.
Come on down, rain, clean and cold,*

Come on down, rain, and water my soul.

*We are blessed by God, we are blessed with good friends
We are blessed by our families. We are blessed, we are blessed.*

*Come on down, rain, come on down,
Come on down, rain, and water this ground.
Come on down, rain, clean and cold,
Come on down, rain, and water my soul.*

*We are blessed with rest, we are blessed with sweet dreams,
We are blessed with a bed to sleep in. We are blessed, we are blessed.*

*Come on down, rain, come on down,
Come on down, rain, and water this ground.
Come on down, rain, clean and cold,
Come on down, rain, and water my soul.*

*We are blessed with hope, we are blessed with freedom.
We are blessed to have food to eat. We are blessed, we are blessed.
We are blessed, we are blessed.
We are blessed, we are blessed.*

Hymn Will You Let Me Be Your Servant Hymnal #659

1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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Hymn Blessed Assurance

Hymnal #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
God's grace.

Prayer after Communion

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song The Church of Christ, In Every Age Hymnal #729

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
 beset by change, but Spirit-led,
 must claim and test its heritage
 and keep on rising from the dead.

- 2 Across the world, across the street,
 the victims of injustice cry
 for shelter and for bread to eat,
 and never live before they die.

- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
 a caring church that longs to be
 a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
 and clothed in Christ's humanity.

- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
 can cure the fever in our blood,
 and teach us how to share our bread

and feed the starving multitude.

- 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude