The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship & Communion
October 4, 2026
9:30 a.m.

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*** Confession & Forgiveness (**LBW)

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 are 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. ***C:*** **Amen.**

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

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. ***C:*** **Amen.**

* **Gathering Hymn #834** **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

* **Greeting** ELW page 147 – setting 4

* **Kyrie** ELW page 147

* **This is the Feast** ELW page 149

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray): 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.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

5 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; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. **3** And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men 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 looked for 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 briers and thorns shall grow up; 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 men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15

L:**7** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C:8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

L:**9** You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C:10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

L:**11** It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C:12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

L:**13** The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

C:14 Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

ALL:15 the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

The Second Lesson: Acts 28:11-16

11 After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria,
with the twin gods as a figurehead. 12 Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. 13 And
from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and
on the second day we came to Puteoli. 14 There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them
for seven days. And so we came to Rome. 15 And the brothers there, when they heard about us,
came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked
God and took courage. 16 And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with
the soldier who guarded him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*** The Gospel Acclamation** P. 151

*** The Gospel Announcement:**

* P: The Holy Gospel is heard according to St. Matthew, the 21th chapter.

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

*** The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46**

33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a
fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into
another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his
fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again
he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 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 have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and
threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn: # 632 (vs. 1, 2) **O God, Our Help In Ages Past"**

The Sermon **"To The End Of The Earth"**

(The Acts of The Apostles)

Part 20: "Paul's Final Journey To Rome"

(*text: Acts 28:11-16)* **Pastor William Shields**

*** Apostles' Creed**

*** The Hymn of the Day # 810** **"O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

The Offering

*** Offering Response # 186** **"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

*** The Prayers**

* **Words of Institution**

* **The Lord's Prayer**

The Communion –

In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. **(Kneeling)** Come down the center aisle and fill in the communion rail. You may stand if kneeling is difficult. You will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing Communion hymns # **614, 629, 631, 658.**

*** The Blessing** P. 114

*** Benediction**

*** The Sending Hymn # 338** **"Beneath The Cross of Jesus"**

*** The Dismissal**

Postlude * Please stand as you are able.

Weekly Events:

Mon Oct. 5	10:30am – Worship Meeting
Tues Oct. 6	7:00am – Jr. High
	1:00pm – Library
	7:00pm – Committee Night
Wed Oct. 7	6:30am – Men's Bible Study
	11:00am – Pastor's Study
	1:00pm – Prayer Group
	6:00pm – Confirmation
	7:00pm – Choir
Thurs. Oct. 8	1:00pm – Quilters/ packing quilts
	6:00pm – Pastor's Study
Sunday, Oct. 11	**9:30am – Worship**
	10:30 Coffee Fellowship
	Sunday School

Altar Flowers
Given in memory of
Harold and Eunice Belkholm
by
Diane Van Drew, Joanne Sheldon and family

In honor of what would have been
Keith Cain's 80th birthday,
a mum plant is located at the front of
the altar to celebrate Keith's life.

Quilt Packing
1:00pm
Thurs., Oct. 8th
packing quilts to ship to
Lutheran World Relief.
(The quilters do not need extra help.)

Packing Health and School Kits
for LWR.
October 15th - 1pm
We DO need help. All women of the church are invited to the Fellowship Hall to pack the kits for shipment. Many hands make for light work.

Committee Night
Tuesday, Oct. 6th
7:00pm

FYI – The October church newsletter was placed in the mail on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Extra copies are available if needed.