

My beloved had a
vineyard
ISAIAH 5:1

Time after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Radio ministry is given in thankfulness to God by the members of First Lutheran Church.

Sunday 10/04	9:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion & on Radio & Video
	10:00am	Sunday School
Monday 10/05	9:00am	Rosette Baking
Tuesday 10/06	4:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm)
Wednesday 10/07	8:00am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	9 th Gr Mentor Training (Mentors Only)
	6:30pm	9 th Gr Mentoring (Mentors & Students)
	6:30pm	8 & 10 Grade Confirmation
	7:00pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday 10/08	5:00pm	Making Cranberry Salad – Could use volunteers
Friday 10/09	8:00am	Wrapping fish, potato peeling, making meatballs
Saturday 10/10	Lutefisk Dinner	
Sunday 10/11	9:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video
	10:00am	Sunday School

Acolytes: Gavin Masching, Henry Sundine

Lector: Jennifer Milton

Ushers: Mark Noble, Rick Hansen, Doug Kinny, Delmar Peterson

Children's Offering for October is a noisy offering for the BP City Park.

Families: Please check out the bible table in the narthex and take home your child's bible if it is there. Thank you!

Lutefisk Country Store: Donations needed, including baked items, canned goods & jams, produce-pumpkins, squash, etc. Also, please bring in your craft items!

Used-a-bit store: While you do fall cleaning don't forget the Used-A-Bit Room will soon be here! Donations welcomed!

Donations can be dropped off Thursday, Oct 8 through early morning on Saturday, Oct. 10

Our mission as The Welcome Place grows deeper each day. Thank you for your prayers, participation, offerings and tithes to keep our ministry strong.

Sunday, September 27 – Offering \$4,556.38
Attendance – 194

Online Giving



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#733

***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Prayer of the Day**

Let us 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.**

Special Music

Beautiful Savior

Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm:

Psalm 80:7-15

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:4b-14

Children’s Message

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?

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P. The Gospel according to Matthew. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Light Dawns on a Weary World

#726

RESPONDING

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***Apostles’ Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

(Lord; in your mercy/**Hear our prayer**)

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Offering**

***Offertory Music**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686 vs 1 only

***Offertory Prayer**

MEAL

***Words of Institution**

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***Lord’s Prayer**

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Communion Distribution

Lamb of God

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All baptized believers, including visitors and friends, are welcome to come forward down the center aisle, at the ushers’ direction, and depart by the side aisles. Children who do not yet commune will be blessed at the rail. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. For mobility challenges or personal preference, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.

Communion Hymns

#742, 832, 759

***Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

***Blessings**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.** The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.** The God of grace ☩bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song**

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

#835

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude

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Today's Readings

Sunday, October 4, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

I will 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 rotten 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 rotten 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 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.

⁷For 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!

Psalm

Psalm 80:7-15; tone 6



Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us,
and we ¹ shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine**
¹ out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations
and ¹ planted it.

⁹You cleared the ¹ ground for it;
it took root and ¹ filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered**
¹ by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees
¹ by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils ¹ to the sea
and its branches ¹ to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken ¹ down its wall,**
so that all who pass by
pluck ¹ off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest
has ¹ ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field
have ¹ grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O ¹ God of hosts,**
look ¹ down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and ¹ tend this vine;
preserve what your right ¹ hand
has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] "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. 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. ³⁷Then 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?'

⁴³"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. 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.

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Check out the design below and order yours today!

