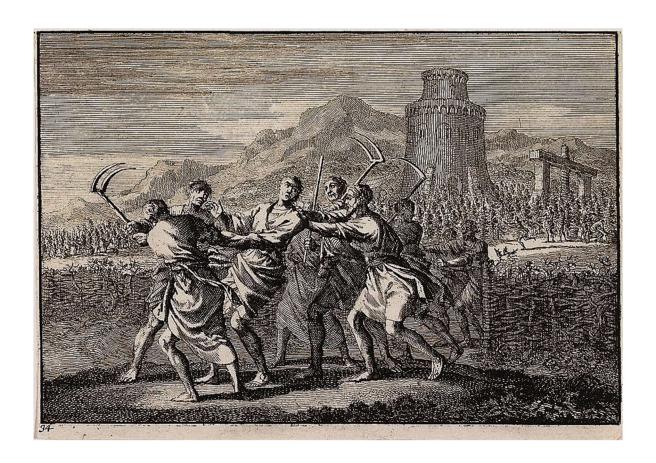
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Rev. James Heckman, Bridge Pastor

October 8, 2023 Ninetheenth Sunday after Pentecost



Introduction to Worship

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.

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Prelude - Word of God, Speak - Arr. Carol Tornquist Welcome

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Connor Jose Ebram (aka Porter Paul Genthner)

Baptismal Hymn - ELW #781





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Presentation

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Connor Jose Ebram for Holy Baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Porter baptized into Christ?

Parent: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parent: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Porter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Porter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Connor Jose Evra (to be known in the future as Porter Paul Genthner), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. . .We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Porter with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Porter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Opening Hymn - ELW 511

Thy Strong Word



- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be. To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

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

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

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.

L: A reading from Isaiah, the fifth chapter.

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 briers 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!

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: 80:7-15

- P: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- C: 8You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
- P: ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
- C: 10The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- P: ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.
- C: 12Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- P: ¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
- P: ¹⁵behold and tend this vine; ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

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- C: ¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
- P: 15 behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: 3:4b-14

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A reading from Philippians, the third chapter:

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}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 make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew. C: 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."

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

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."

⁵When 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world (global mission partners may be named), that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need (especially). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

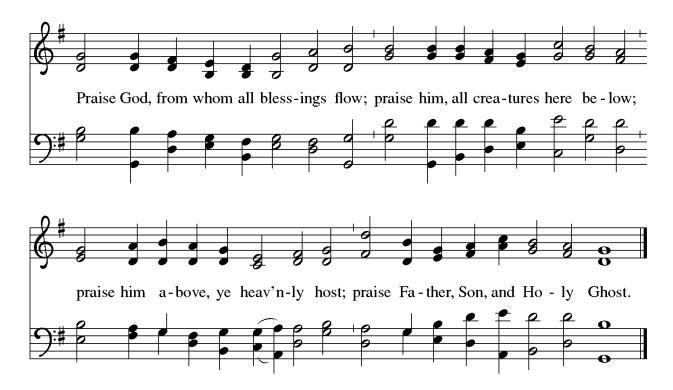
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: Golden Breaks the Dawn - Chinese Folk Song

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

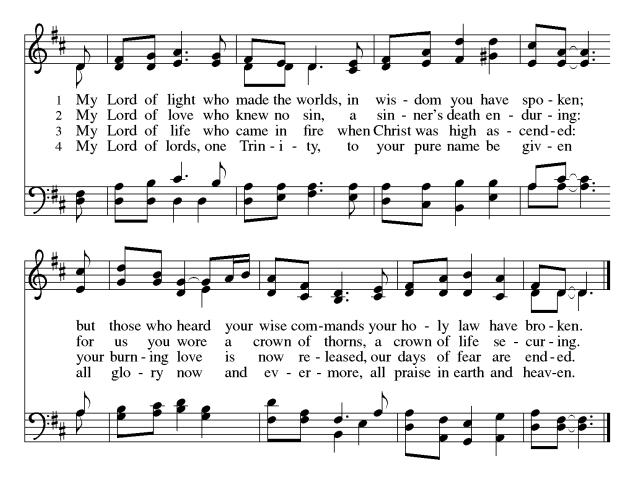
Announcements

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW 832

My Lord of Light



Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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ANNOUNCEMENTS								
	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS			
13			Lisa & Bruce Crouse (33)					
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES								
Sunday, October 8		10:00 AM		Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman				
				(Porter) Connor Jose Ebram Baptism				
		5:00 to 7:30 PM		Confirmation Class @ Durham				
Tuesda	y, October 10	7:00 PM		Church Cou	incil meeting			
Wednesday, October 11		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours				
		11:00 AM - 11:15 PM		Care -A-Lot Visit				
		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim				
Thursday, October 12		10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Choir rehearsal				
		11:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours				
		1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's				
Friday, October 13		10:00 AM		WELCA Meeting				
Saturday, October 14		9:00 AM - 4:00 PM		WELCA Retreat @ United Lutheran				
				Seminary, Mount Airy				
		1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Durham Day				
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Sunday, October 15		10:00 AM		Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman				
(communion)				Olivia Noelle Frenk Baptism				
Monday, October 16		7:00 PM- 8:30 PM		Crop Walk I	Planning @St. Peter's			
Tuesday, October 17		7:30 PM		Finance Committee Meeting				
Wednesday, October 18		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours				
		11:00 A	AM - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot	Visit			
		12:00 F	PM	Chat & Che	w with Pr. Jim			
		12:30 F	PM	Care-A-Lot	Board meeting			
Thursday, October 19		10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Choir rehea	ırsal			
		11:00 A	AM - 1:00 PM	Office hour	S			
		12:00 PM - 1:00 PM		Care-A-Lot Board Meeting				
		1:00 PI	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
		7:00 PM -8:30 PM		Crop Walk Planning @ St. Peter's				
Friday, October 20		10:00	10:00 AM		WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary			
Sunday, October 22		10:00 A	10:00 AM		Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman			
		5:00 PI	M - 7:30 PM	Confirmation	on @ Trinity			
Wedne	esday, October 25	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hour	S			
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Care -A-Lot Visit

Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim

11:00 AM - 11:15 PM

12:00 PM

Thursday, October 26	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal	
	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours	
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	



October Outreach - Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for flood relief.



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Keep in your Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Fred Foerster; Sharon Fogelman; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org

Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman		
Choir Director / Organist	Carolyn Williams		
Greeter(s)	Frank & Joan Mammana		
Altar Guild	Val McGinn & Bea Von Watzdorf		
Acolyte			
Lector	Pat Zion		
Head / Communion Usher			
Council Counting Team	Barb Naska & Dave Sauter		
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson		
Custodian	Dianna Streletz		