

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

A Story of Reckless Patience



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# Order of Service for NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Common Service

## ✘ Gathering ✘

### OPENING HYMN

595 – Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en  
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er  
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern  
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,  
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,  
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.  
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.  
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

Stand

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father,**

**I confess that I am by nature sinful**

**and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.**

**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**But I am truly sorry for my sins,**

**and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:**

**Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

## ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A - - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "A - - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

*Be seated*

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

## SONG OF PRAISE

Sung by the choir

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior still our Refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## ✠ The Word ✠

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

*The LORD Almighty pictures his patient love for Israel as an owner of a vineyard patiently waiting for a good crop of fruit.*

<sup>1</sup>ISAIAH 5:1 I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.

<sup>3</sup>“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?

<sup>5</sup>Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it.”

<sup>7</sup>The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 80

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might; come and save us.

**Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

How long, LORD God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.  
You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.

**Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

You transplanted a vine from Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches.  
Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.

Why have you broken down its walls  
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?  
Boars from the forest ravage it,  
and insects from the fields feed on it.  
Return to us, God Almighty!

Look down from heaven and see!  
Watch over this vine,  
the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;  
at your rebuke your people perish.  
Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.  
Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

**Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:12-21

*Through Christ we have already attained the kingdom of heaven. God patiently waits for us to respond to his grace by living drastically different lives than the people of this world.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-43

*Jesus tells us a story of God's reckless patience.*

MATTHEW 21:33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup>“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup>Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup>Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

<sup>38</sup>“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup>“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup>“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ!

## ✠ The Confession of Faith ✠

### The Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

862 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would seek to o - ver - throw your  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son and to de - stroy what he has done.  
we may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife and lead us out of death to life.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 21:33-43

# Repentant Children Produce Real Fruit

*Sermon notes:*

*Stand*

## ✘ Praise and Prayers ✘

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*Be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

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- On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
- Scan the QR code to the right...



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel. Awaken your might. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; **make your face shine on us and save us.**

You lead your people like a flock. Gather those who have gone astray. Reach the lost with your saving gospel and bring them in. Expand your kingdom that new people may enter and bear fruit to your glory. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; **make your face shine on us and save us.**

Govern, guide and bless all who work in the vineyard of your kingdom. Strengthen them, that they live up to the grace they have already received. Bless them in all they do for you. Restrain the enemies of the cross of Christ. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; **make your face shine on us and save us.**

Guide and bless those who translate and publish the Scriptures, that your Word may be heard in every nation and spoken by every tongue, so that your people everywhere may grow in knowledge and faith. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; **make your face shine on us and save us.**

Watch over your people who weep, struggle and suffer, [*especially...*]. Restore them, that they may praise your name. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; **make your face shine on us and save us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

*Silent prayer.*

God Almighty, we thank you for calling us to faith and to service with your holy gospel. Grant that we may faithfully follow your Word, believe in our Lord Christ, serve him in holiness and righteousness, and hold fast to your precious promises in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

861 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church’s head, you are her one foun-  
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -  
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and  
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for  
 fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -  
 low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in  
 trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church  
 ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your  
 splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith  
 you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things  
 sav - ing Word to us e’er pure re - tain; grant that they  
 ev - er grow; the pow’r of sin de - stroy and e - vils  
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy’s sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
 may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

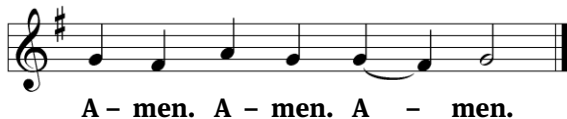
## SENDING PRAYER

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



# CLOSING HYMN

932 – Sent Forth By God’s Blessing



1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
u - nite us as one in his life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for God’s king - dom and an - swer his call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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**Hymn 595 – Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing**

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Music: Ralph C. Schultz, b. 1932

Scripture references: Jn 15:1-9; Gal 5:22,23; 6:8-10; Col 2:6,7

Text: ©1984 Hope Publishing Company

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**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Text: Joseph M. Scriven

Tune: Charles C. Converse; arr. by Harold M. Best

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**Hymn 862 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug;

Setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Scripture references: Ps 2; Jn 8:31; Eph 1:22, 23; 4:3-6

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**Hymn 861 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head**

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891-1976, alt.

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Scripture references: Mt 16:16-18; Eph 2:19-21; Col 1:18; Lk 12:32; Mk 8:35

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**Hymn 932 – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing**

Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Tune: Welsh

Scripture references: Isa 55:10,11; 1 Co 10:17; Col 3:17

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**Prayer of the Church**

Petition “Guide and bless those who translate and publish...” remembers Jerome (Sept. 30) and William Tyndale (Oct. 6)

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# TELL US A STORY

JESUS' POWERFUL PARABLES

**SERMON SERIES**  
(September 24, 2023 – October 15, 2023)

**SERIES THEME:**  
**TELL US A STORY – JESUS' POWERFUL PARABLES**

Much of what Jesus has to say to you and me is contained within his parables. Parables are simple little stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. For the believer, a parable takes a challenging spiritual fact and makes it clear. However, since the parable conveys spiritual truth, for someone without faith, the story remains only that—a story. Therefore, our prayer for this worship series is that Christ would send us his Holy Spirit, so that we might receive the peace and power Jesus offers us in his parables. Tell us a story, Jesus! Our worship follows this path:

- Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Story of Perplexing Generosity 9/23,24
- Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Story of Spiritual Insincerity 9/20, 10/1
- Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Story of Reckless Patience 10/7,8
- Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – A Story of Insane Rejection 10/24,25