

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2026

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	ELW 661
Hymn of Day	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	ELW 803
Sending	<i>On Our Way Rejoicing</i>	ELW 537
Prelude	<i>Hymn of Faith</i>	Gluck
Anthem	<i>We Are Called</i>	ELW 720
Communion	<i>Organ Piece in G Major</i>	Adolf Hesse
Postlude	<i>Plein Jeu</i>	Couperin

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will 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; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people 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 expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten 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 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. ⁷ For 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 80:7-15

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

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More 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 ⁹ and 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not 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. ¹³ Brothers 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ “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. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then 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 get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus 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. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERVERS	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Frank Yonce	<i>*need volunteer</i>
Lector	Bill Aull	Melba Murphy
Worship	Bill Aull	Melba Murphy
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Ushers	Jim Garner, Chief <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	Steve Nivens, Chief Mark Satterwhite
Tellers	Pam Hanfland/Gail Marcum	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy
Offering Pickup	Pam Hanfland	Steve Nivens
Property	Jim Garner	Steve Nivens
Altar Guild	Gail Marcum/Marie Lybrand	Steve and Beverly Nivens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Padget Satterwhite and Vance Spilman on their marriage, September 12th at St. Johannes Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC.

Altar Flowers

Thank you to Frank Yonce for the beautiful and gracious basket that enlivens our sanctuary and ministry together for this morning's worship service. To God be the Glory!

- The weekly bulletin is printed on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th

We need blessing box supplies! Thank you for continuing to support the Blessing Box. The need for food and basic supplies remains strong. Please drop supplies off in the Cameron Hallway or in the kitchen. Thank you for helping keep it stocked! **Helpful items include:** Peanut butter crackers, canned meats, canned pasta, canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, rice or pasta sides, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant.

Please choose items that do not require refrigeration. Pop-top cans are especially helpful.

In our prayers this week, we commend the following individuals to God's gracious care. If a name belongs to someone outside our congregation, please let the office know your connections. If there are any names to update, please also let us know additions or changes.

Melanie Amick
Gerald Bush (Friend of Sandra Hughes)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

Sunday October 4	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday October 7	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday October 10	6:30 p.m.	Razberries
Sunday October 11	10:00 a.m.	Chat & Snack
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Council Meeting
Monday October 12	6:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle
Wednesday October 14	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study