

# The Stories Jesus Tells

## The Vineyard Owner & The Tenant Farmers

*"But I did what was practical . . ."*

Pentecost 17

October 5, 2025

### Prelude

### Confession & Absolution

*P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**C: Amen**

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

*A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

*A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

*A: Almighty God, merciful Father:*

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

**645**



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



## Greeting

*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

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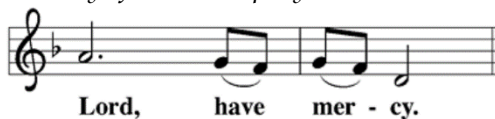
*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

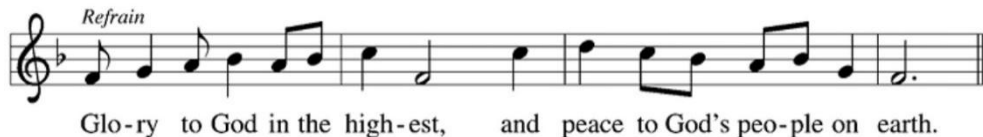


*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



## Hymn of Praise

*ELW Setting 2*





1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



## Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the wisdom and the comfort Jesus shares in the stories he told so long ago. Send us the Holy Spirit now, that Jesus' words will stir in our minds and rest on our hearts so that we will be inspired to put aside our plans and schemes and embrace and accept the radically gracious and compassionate plans and purposes you design for Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 57

*Isaiah, a great prophet of God, spoke the Word of God to God's people who had been in exile for their sin, but God was about to bring them home . . .*

**W**ho are you worried about? And who are you so afraid of that you would act so deceitfully and not remember me or even think about me? It is because I have been silent for so long that you are not afraid of me. So, now, I will recount your so-called "righteousness" and your so-called "good deeds," but they will not help you. Instead, when you cry out for help, let the idols you have turned to help you! Ah, a mere breath blows them all away. But the one who looks to me for help – they are the ones who will inherit the promised land and they will have access to my holy mountain."

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

## Psalms

118

*The Lord is my strength and my song;  
The Lord has become my salvation.*

**Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
the right hand of the Lord exalts,  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"**

*I will not die, but I will live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

**The Lord has disciplined me severely,  
but the Lord has not given me over to death.**

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.*

**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.*

**This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

## **Second Lesson**

1 Peter 2

**R**id yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation--if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Coming to the Lord as a living stone - being rejected, on the one hand, yet, chosen and precious according to God - and as living stones, let yourselves be built as a spiritual house, into a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

*"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;*

*and whoever believes in this one  
will not be put to shame."* [Isaiah 28:15]

To you, then, who are believing, this "cornerstone" is priceless;  
but for those who are not believing,

*"The stone that the builders rejected  
has been made into the very head of the corner,"* [Ps 118:22]

and

*"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that causes scandal."* [Isaiah 8:14]

They stumble because they disobey the word - as they were  
destined to do. But, you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a  
holy nation, a people for possession, in order that you may  
proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of  
darkness into the marvelous light.

*Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.* [Hosea 1:9; 2:23]

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

## Children's Sermon

### Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a fermata over the final 'ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.*


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

## Gospel

*Luke 20*

*One day, close to the time of his crucifixion, as Jesus was teaching the  
people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the*

*scribes came with the elders asking him questions . . . Jesus told the people this parable:*

nce upon a time, there someone planted a vineyard, rented it out to a group of farmers, and then went off to another country for a good while.

When the critical time of the harvest season came, the vineyard owner sent a servant to the farmers to collect the fruit of the vineyard. But those tenant farmers beat him and sent the servant away, empty-handed.

Next, the guy sent another servant to collect his share of the produce. The tenants also beat and insulted this servant, sending him away empty-handed.

The guy sent still a third servant, but the tenants also wounded this one and threw him out.

Then the Lord of the Vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my son, the Beloved. They will probably respect him.'

But when the farmers saw him, they dialogued among themselves, deciding, 'He is the inheritor. When we kill him, the inheritance will be ours.'

So, they threw the son, the Beloved, out of the vineyard and killed him.

What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and evict these farmers and give the vineyard to others."

When the Jewish Religious Leadership in the Temple heard this parable they responded, "That is nonsense!"

But, Jesus looked directly at them and said, "What, then, does this text mean:

*'The stone that has been rejected by the builders  
This very one has become the cornerstone' ? [Ps 118:22]*

Everyone falling on that stone will be crushed together into pieces; and upon whom it may fall, it will winnow."

The Jewish Religious Leadership were seeking to lay hands on Jesus at that very hour, but they were afraid of the people, for the people realized that Jesus had told this parable against the

Religious Leadership. The Religious Leadership watched him closely and sent spies who pretended to be righteous so that they could trap Jesus by his own words, and the Religious Leadership could then hand Jesus over to the rule and authority of the Roman Governor.

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### *Christ is Our Cornerstone*



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On him a - lone we build;  
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;  
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw near;  
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,

With his true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On his  
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus  
 Ac - cept each faith - ful vow, And ev - 'ry sup - pliant hear. In co -  
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til

great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.  
 pious show'r On all who pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.  
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.

## Apostles Creed

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

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.

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. Amen.

### *Prayers & Passing of the Peace & Offering / Offertory* 692

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of three notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.' The score ends with a double bar line.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.



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Grace here!

*A: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 2

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is indeed . . .*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

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1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

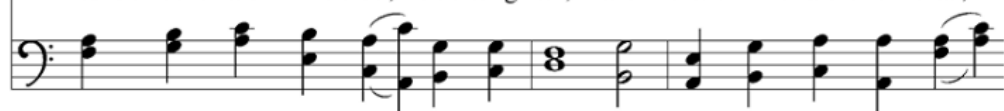
parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



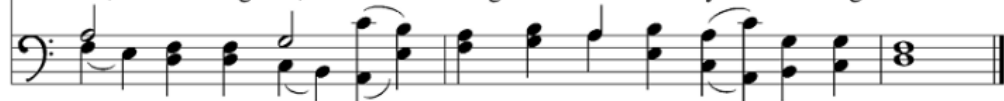
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

## Post Communion Blessing & Prayer & Benediction

### Recessional

*The Church's One Foundation*

**654**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## Postlude & Dismissal



Today we welcome to Grace, Martha Elder, Executive Director and Co-founder of Second Chance Foods. Second Chance Foods is a non-profit and based in Brewster who partners with local farms, grocers and food distributors to rescue surplus fresh food and ensure it reaches those who need it most. Their mission is to end the cycle of food waste & hunger by recovering local nourishing food and connecting it to anyone experiencing food insecurity while ensuring dignity and reducing barriers to access.



### Sunday, October 5

*Name Tag Sunday*

*Last day to donate used coats, hats, gloves & mittens for Winter Gear Drive*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation/Post-Confirmation classes

9:45 a.m. Oktoberfest Potluck Brunch in fellowship hall

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary

### **Tuesday October 7**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

### **Wednesday October 8**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Meeting

### **Thursday October 9**

7:30 p.m. Grace Digital Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, October 12**

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School/Confirmation classes due to holiday weekend

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary



Don't miss out on Grace's annual Oktoberfest gathering taking place today at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided.



You are invited on Friday, 10/17 @ 7:00 p.m. to join with other women from Grace for an enriching evening filled with conversation, wisdom & of course, wine & snacks! A guest speaker will provide helpful insights on how to be our best selves.

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