



### About the Cover

The wicked tenants thought that by killing the heir, they would gain the vineyard and its fruit. Christ's parable was about how He, the only Son of God, would be rejected by both His own and the world. Yet the irony is that Christ's crucifixion at the hands of sinners was actually God's work and the means to offer freely the fruits of His death and resurrection. By faith, we receive a wonderful gift from God—the inheritance of eternal life through the forgiveness of sins—even though we do not deserve it.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1–7

- <sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.
- <sup>2</sup> 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;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.
- <sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.
- <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my  
vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briers and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.
- <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

### Epistle: Philippians 3:4b–14

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which

comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—<sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46

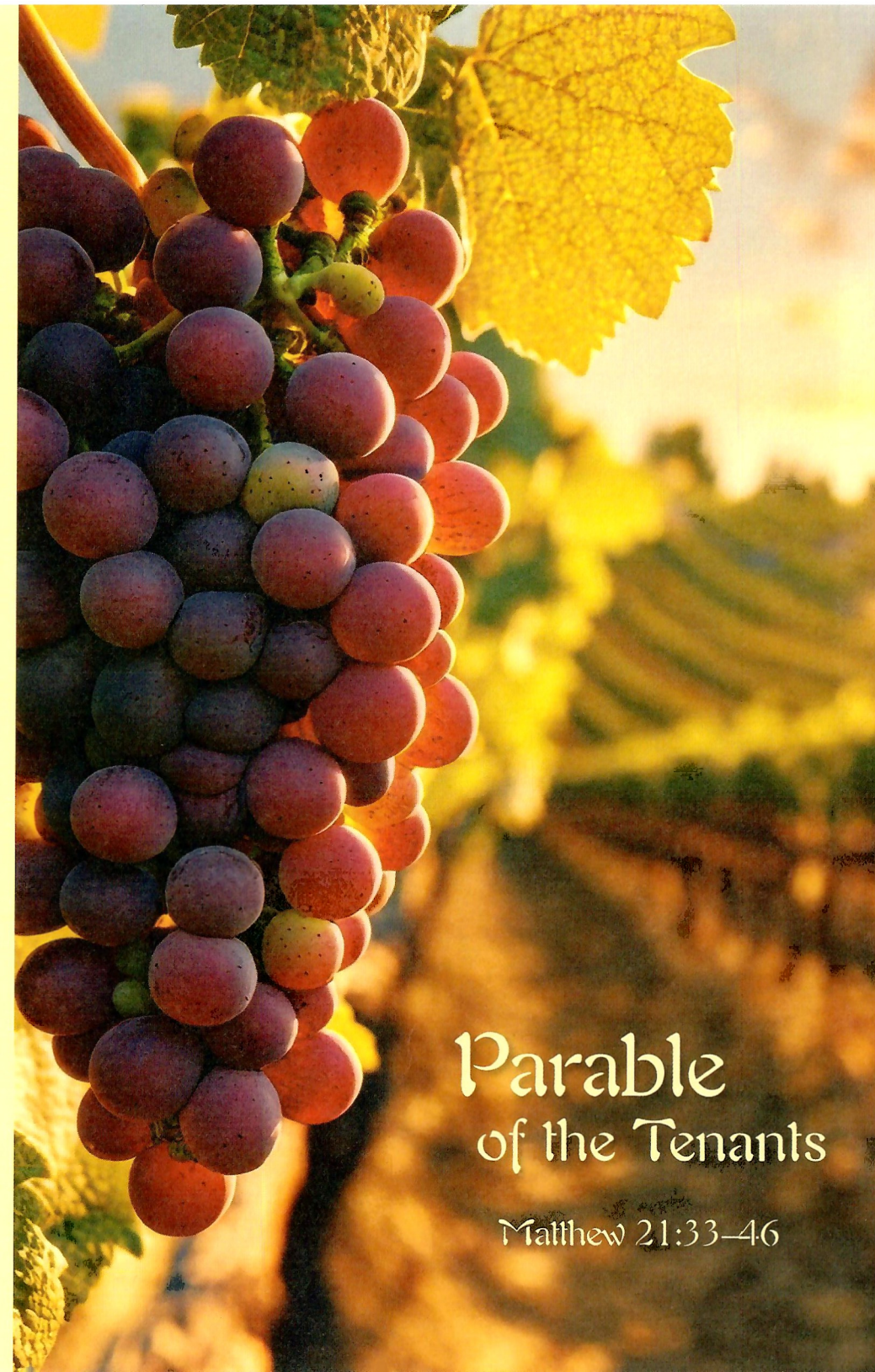
<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>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 marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.



# Parable of the Tenants

Matthew 21:33–46

# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE

Service of Prayer and Preaching

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

## RINGING OF THE BELLS, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn LSB#901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

### The Invocation

#### The Opening Versicles

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than dwell  
in the tents of the wicked.**

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is truth.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7** (see back of bulletin)

P; This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Responsory

L: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where  
Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where  
Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where  
Your glory dwells.**

**The Apostles' Creed** (back cover of hymnal)

### The Children's Message

**The Hymn of the Day LSB#568 If Your Beloved Son, O God**

**The Sermon Loyal Tenants! Matthew 21:33-43**

### The Offering

#### The Prayer of the Church

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and  
with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the  
world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all  
to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for all our communities, and for the common  
welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us  
pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous,  
and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

L: ...one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Collect for the Word**

L: ...now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer** (back cover of the hymnal)

### **The Morning Prayer**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **The Benediction**

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Closing Hymn LSB#912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday  
Portals of Prayer for October-December available in the Narthex  
**Voters' Meeting Next Sunday after Worship**