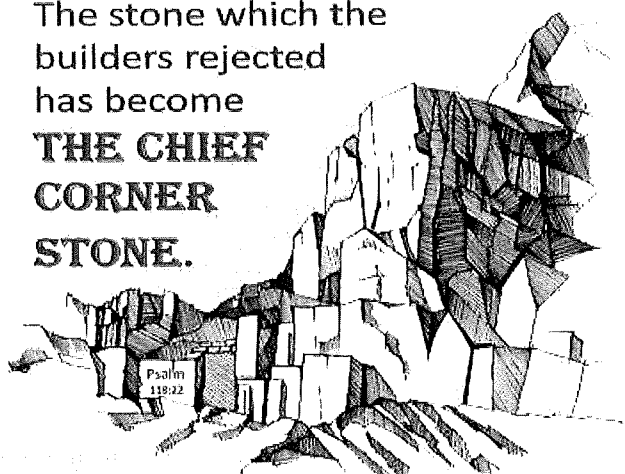


The stone which the
builders rejected
has become
**THE CHIEF
CORNER
STONE.**



October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 728 (Maroon): How Firm a Foundation
10:30am: SONG: Jesus, Firm Foundation

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 80:7-19*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁸ **You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.

¹² **Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

¹⁴ **Turn again, O God of hosts!**

**Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,**

¹⁵ **the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**

¹⁶ They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

¹⁷ **But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved! (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 712 (Maroon): Seek Ye First

Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldbjerg; 8:30am Hazel Sitz; 10:30am Sadie Jenkins

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me 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;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men 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 looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild 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 waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up;
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 men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry! (ESV)

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

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

▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN 582 (Maroon)

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

▲ 10:30am Caribbean Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³³ "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.

³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally 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 have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

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 marvelous in our eyes’?

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

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Rubbish? Text: Philippians 3:4b-14

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 909 (Maroon): Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

10:30am SONG: Cornerstone

Sermon: **We Press On** (Text: Philippians 3:4b-14)

I. From a Firm Foundation (knowing Christ Jesus my Lord)

II. To a Vision Glorious (God's plan and purpose for us)

A. This Side of Heaven (meaningful service)

B. Heaven (the upward call of God in Christ Jesus)

OFFERING PRAYER

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

SHARING
GOD'S
GIFTS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Behold the Lamb

SONG: Grace Flows Down

BENEDICTION - The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 830am HYMN 789 (Maroon): Praise and Thanksgiving

UPCOMING DATES

October 15 – Sunday School Children sing at 10:30am

October 15 – Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop at 11:30am

October 21 – Children's fun day: COLOR sidewalks, 3-5pm.

October 28-29 – First Communion for 7th and 8th grade students

November 4-5 All Saint's Day Celebration (all services)

We will read the names of those who have entered eternal life this year.

November 5 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am

November 12 – Sunday School sings at 8:30am

November 18, Saturday – Turkey Dinner (details forthcoming)

November 29th – Carols and Bells

5:30pm Baked Ham dinner & 6:30pm Handbell program

December 3 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am

December 9th – Cookie Sale (details forthcoming)

December 16th – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am-12 (noon), plus pizza party

December 17th – 10:30am Children's Christmas program