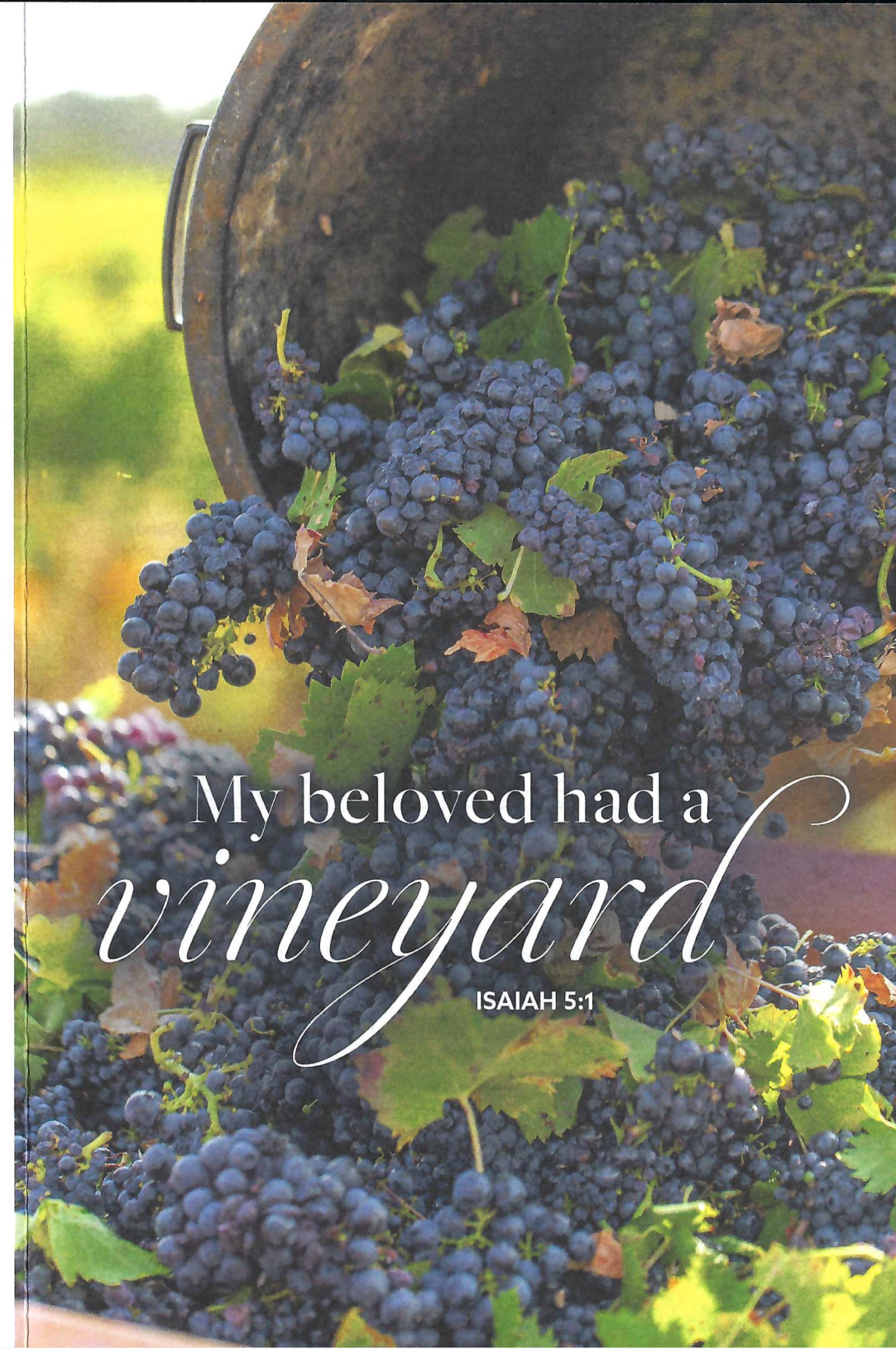




My beloved had a
vineyard

ISAIAH 5:1

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Harlynn

Beckenstrater, Diane Funkhouser, Sonny Hovatter, Glenn McMinn,

Tony Reynard, Wanda Rinker, Laurie Robinson....**we further**

remember... Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve & Linda

Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, PG Coverstone, Roe Dias,

Virginia Duncan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep,

Landon Fadely, Lynette George, Chuck Givens, Harper & Luther

Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha

Harlow, Mike & Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar,

Ronnie Hoffman, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Charlene

Miller, Donna Mumaw, Jerry Newland, Linda Perry, Earl Polk, Jerry & Judy Polk,

Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Linda Perry, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Sandy

Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, Jerry Walters, John

Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

May the Lord comfort the families of Bea Beveridge, Margaret Hinkle, Buck Jones, as well as Danny Lindamood, who will be interred at St. John UCC today.

May the Holy Spirit give them faith to see each was ready to cast off the sadness of this world and be welcomed. Lord, lift our eyes in faith, that we may know Christ is the source of life and salvation.

WORSHIPSCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: **October 11 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost & Zion's Homecoming!**

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's with hymnals.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion.

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Heman was the son of Joel and the grandson of Samuel. He was appointed as a chief priest and temple musician by King David.

(1 Chronicles 6:33)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S HOMECOMING SEASON! Invite your friends & family! A personal invitation goes a long way! **Zion** looks forward to celebrating 245 years next Sunday and **St. Jacob's** will celebrate their 188th anniversary on October 18. Each church will have 9:45 Sunday School, an 11 AM Communion Service followed by a covered dish dinner. Chicken and beverages are being provided.

Zion Council will meet tomorrow night, Monday, October 5 at 5:30.

St. Jacob's Council will meet next Monday, October 12 at 6:30. Both meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: We will continue our study of John 14, 15,16 and discuss the work of the Holy Spirit. "How do we come to know God and have faith?" is the question. We meet every Wednesday at 6 PM at Zion, and there is a chair just waiting for you!

Spring Forward will begin regular sessions this week from 4-6 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when school is in session. Brochures are in the entryway and new students continue to be welcomed!

Autumn is here! Which means Zion will once again be putting together a Fall display for Homecoming weekend. If you have pumpkins, mums, gourds and other autumn items you would loan us, please let Robin or Pastor Katie know.

Aluminum Recycle is this weekend at Zion and the truck is waiting to receive your donations of aluminum cans! Thanks for your help!

SVLM says "Thank You for Making a Difference!" We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed rice and beans for **Luke's Backpack**, donated to **The Good Shepherd Spring Clean Drive**, and supported our **Summer Food Box Program**. Thanks to the generosity of 10 local churches and dedicated volunteers, we distributed **573 food boxes**, providing **6,876 pounds of food** to **238 children from 94 families** this summer.

Bluegrass Reformation Fun!! Sunday, October 25 at 4 PM at **Reformation Lutheran Church in New Market**. Come relax and celebrate with fellow Lutherans as we worship, sing and eat together! The VA Synod Director of Youth and Young Adults, Rev. Tina Toburen will preach! Hot dogs & brats will be provided and you are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



**19th Sunday
after
Pentecost**
**St. Jacob's
Lutheran Church**
October 4, 2026

Welcome- Pictures

are from last night's WRE-Bible Break banquet at the Woodstock Moose Lodge.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Assurance and Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called, ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, declare to You the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn # 645 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Tune: Angels From the Realms of Glory

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all Your loving-kindness,
hear Your people as they pray;
and Your fullest benediction shed
within these walls today.

Here bestow
on all Your servants
what they seek
from You to gain;
what they gain from You, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.



To bid, or not to bid?

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **(Refrain)**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **(Refrain)**

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **(Refrain)**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day



Today's Readings Insert

God's Word

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st
Chapter, beginning with the 33rd verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Hymn of the Day # 803 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Nicene Creed - *We speak together the words of our faith*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation He
came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please respond:

Lord in Your mercy,...

Have mercy on us.



Our two teachers – Kathy & Britney

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, You bring forth food from the earth and nourish Your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know Your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

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Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the
choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of
heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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+ Words of Consecration +

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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;
and 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you....Come, taste, and see.



Partaking of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart, and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord's face shine upon you, with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and,
+ give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

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Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong,
they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in. **Refrain**

Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.





Today's Readings

Sunday, October 4, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He 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.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What 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?

⁵And 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.

⁶I 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.

⁷For 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

Psalm 80:7-15; tone 6



Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us,
and we ¹ shall be saved.

⁸You have brought a vine
¹ out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations
and ¹ planted it.

⁹You cleared the ¹ ground for it;
it took root and ¹ filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered
¹ by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees
¹ by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils ¹ to the sea
and its branches ¹ to the river.

¹²Why have you broken ¹ down its wall,
so that all who pass by
pluck ¹ off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest
has ¹ ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field
have ¹ grazed upon it.

¹⁴Turn now, O ¹ God of hosts,
look ¹ down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and ¹ tend this vine;
preserve what your right ¹ hand
has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] "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. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They 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."

⁴²Jesus 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. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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