

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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HYMN SING

Day by Day

ELW #790

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW #890

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God planted a vineyard on a fertile hill,
cleared its stones, tended its soil,
and waited for the harvest.

**God still looks for justice to ripen among us
and righteousness to take root in our lives.**

Christ has made us his own—
not because of our accomplishments,
but because of his astonishing grace.

**We release what lies behind
and reach toward the life
to which God is calling us.**

The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.

**We build our hope on Jesus Christ
and offer our lives as a harvest of love.**

Come, people of God.
Let us become the song
God longs to hear from the vineyard.
**Let our worship bear fruit—
justice, mercy, courage, and peace.**

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of patient and persistent love, you entrust the vineyard of creation and the lives of our neighbors to our care. Keep us from mistaking stewardship for ownership. When truth confronts us, give us courage to listen; when you call for justice, make us ready to respond. Build our lives upon Jesus Christ, the stone the world rejected and you made the cornerstone. Root us in his grace and make us a people who bear an abundant harvest of mercy, righteousness, and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

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The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

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

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Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-46

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Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

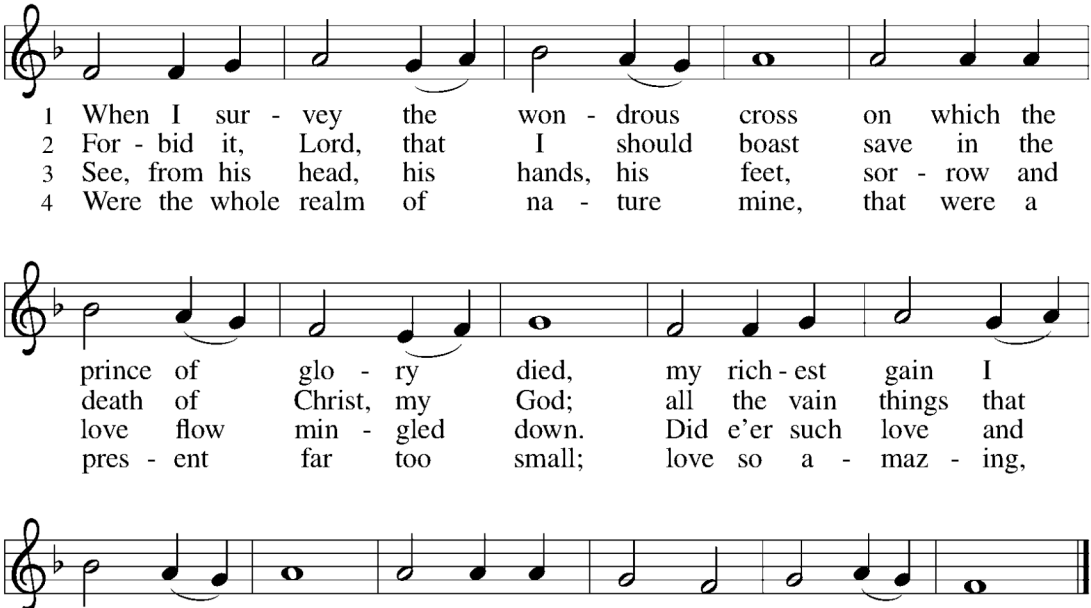
SERMON

Vicar Sophie Warnberg

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin before God, who has planted us in love and calls us to bear the fruits of the kingdom.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Beloved Gardener,
you have given us good earth,
cleared away stones,
and surrounded us with grace.

**We have treated your vineyard as our possession
rather than your gift.
We have guarded our comfort,
clung to our accomplishments,
and measured our worth
by success, status, and reputation.
Forgive us. Prune away our pride.
Uproot our indifference.
Turn us again toward Christ,
and cultivate within us
a harvest worthy of your kingdom.**

Hear the good news: the stone the world rejected has become the foundation of our hope. Jesus Christ entered our violence, bore our sin, and rose to meet us with mercy. Christ has made you his own. You are forgiven. You are being made new.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God,
your mercy is great.

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

God of the vineyard, receive these gifts—the fruits of our labor and signs of our gratitude. Use them to answer the cries of the suffering, to shelter those left vulnerable, to nourish bodies and spirits, and to plant justice where violence and despair have taken root. Cultivate generous hearts within us. Make our lives fruitful, until all that we are and all that we have becomes a living offering of love; through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our hope. **Amen.**

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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

LAMB OF GOD

Setting: *Now the Feast and Celebration*

Musical notation for the Lamb of God hymn, including lyrics: 1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear; 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace; 4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471
- Jesus Loves Me ELW #595

BENEDICTION

May the God who planted you in love cultivate justice within you.
May Jesus Christ, who has made you his own, draw you forward in grace.
May the Holy Spirit prune what has grown lifeless and ripen within you a harvest of compassion, courage, and peace.
The blessing of God— ✠ Creator, Redeemer, and life-giving Spirit—be with you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #729 (vs. 1-3, 5)

The Church of Christ, In Every Age
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Press on in faith
and bear the fruits of God’s kingdom.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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