

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

11:00 AM

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PRELUDE

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.**

GATHERING SONGS

Hope of the Nations

Verse
Jesus, hope of the nations,
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn;
you are the source of heaven's hope on earth.
Jesus, light in the darkness;
Jesus, truth in each circumstance;
You are the source of heaven's light on earth.

Pre-Chorus
In history you lived and died;
You broke the chains, you rose to life.

Chorus 1
You are the hope living in us;
You are the rock in whom we trust;
You are the light, shining for all the world to
see.
You rose from the dead, conquering fear,
our Prince of Peace drawing us near;
Jesus, our hope, living for all who will receive;
Lord, we believe.
(Lord, we believe, Lord, we believe.)

REPEAT *from beginning*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2
You are the hope living in us;
You are the rock in whom we
trust;
You are the light, shining for
all the world to see.
You rose from the dead,
conquering fear,
our Prince of Peace drawing
us near;
Jesus, our hope, living for all
who will receive;
(REPEAT)

Ending
Lord, we believe. Lord, we
believe.
Lord, we believe. Lord, we
believe.

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Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus 2

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong
in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
(He is Lord Lord of all)
(SING 3X)

Verse 3

When He shall come
with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

KIDS’ PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 3 are now dismissed,
at the parent’s discretion, to the Chapel.*

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.

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

The Greatest Commandment

Chorus
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself
(REPEAT)

Verse
Let us be known let us be known
By the way we love
(REPEAT)

REPEAT *from beginning*

Bridge
Love love love
the greatest commandment is
Love love love
the greatest commandment is
Love love love
the greatest commandment is love

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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

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY SONG

The Kingdom of the Lord is Here

Verse 1
The kingdom of the Lord is here
Come gather all from far and near
Awake your mind and have no fear
God's arms are open wide
No armored guards protect its gates
No tangled chains or judgment weights
Just free your blessed heart from hate
And human come inside

Verse 2
Here enemies stand side-by-side
By truth and justice unified
It's growing where the old one died
Where any wound is healed
Here earthly cries are not ignored
It blooms and lives forevermore
In places that our hands restored
By selfless love revealed

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Verse 3
Where kindness overcomes the mean
Where love is like the morning's gleam
And peace an ever-flowing stream
The kingdom lives today
Where love and understanding's learned
Where prejudice is left to burn
Oppression's tables overturned
O God show us the way

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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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.**

Verse 4
Your kingdom come your will be done
May we sustain what you've begun
Til all creation is made one
O Jesus lead us on
The kingdom of the Lord is here
The evening clouds begin to clear
The morning sun will soon appear
Come and reveal the dawn

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 SONG

The Wonderful Cross

Verse 1
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

Verse 2
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

Chorus
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3
Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Chorus 2x

Ending
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul my life my all

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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 SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength
and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus

(Instrumental)

Chorus

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Let your yes become love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

