

Those bringing you today's service include:

**Rev. Phillip Carl, Presiding Minister
Susan McCormick, Minister of Music
Wendy Hahn, Lay Reader
Pete Bouwma, Videographer
Shannon Melideo, Online Greeter
Peter Metaxatos, Communion Preparation
CTS Chancel Choir, Musicians**

PRELUDE

Lobe den Herren – Kirnberger

ENTRANCE HYMN

What is This Place (ELW 524)

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW pgs. 122-123)

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

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

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

**2. 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: This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth,
that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (ELW 808)

GODSPEED AND FAREWELL

Hahn and McCormick Families

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

PEACE

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

When the Trumpet Sounds – arr. Andre Thomas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW pgs. 129-130)

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...

...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.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Celebrate! Think! Serve!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord – arr. David Cherwien