



Mark 4:30-31, NRSV

He also said,
"With what
can we
compare
the kingdom of
God ...? It is like
a mustard seed ..."

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"* LSB 906

Verse 1

O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
on thee the high and lowly
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"
to the great God Triune.

Verse 2

On thee, at the creation,
the light first had its birth;
on thee, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on thee, our Lord victorious,
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on thee, most glorious,
a triple light was giv'n.

Verse 3

Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams,
and living water flowing
with soul refreshing streams.

Verse 4

New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises,
to Father, and to Son;
the church her voice upraises
to thee, blest Three in One.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness: therefore you are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. It is my privilege as a called and ordained servant of Christ to announce God's grace to all of you. All of our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 92

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

P: The righteous flourish like the palm tree

C: And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

P: They are planted in the house of the Lord;

C: They flourish in the courts of our God.

P: They still bear fruit in old age;

C: They are ever full of sap and green,

P: To declare that the Lord is upright;

C: His is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Fruits of His Creation" LSB 894

Verse 1

For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray; Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on [a] we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LSB Page 205)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written, that you may believe,
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Seek Where You May to Find a Way"* LSB 557

Verse 1

Seek where you may To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled, On Christ I build,
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure, His works endure;
He overthrows All evil foes;
Through Him I more than conquer.

Verse 2

Seek whom you may To be your stay,
None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed; This man prevailed,
The God-man and none other,
Our Servant-King Of whom we sing.
We're justified Because He died,
The guilty being guiltless.

Verse 3

Seek Him alone Who did atone,
Who did your souls deliver.
O seek Him first, All you who thirst
For grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need Seek Him indeed;
To ev'ry heart He will impart
His blessings without measure.

Verse 4

My heart's delight, My crown most bright,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride Nor fortune's tide
Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord; Your precious Word
Shall guide my way
And help me stay Forever in Your presence.

MESSAGE

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

LSB 804

Verse 1

O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Verse 2

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Verse 3

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Verse 4

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Verse 5

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

Verse 6

O measureless Might, ineffable Love.
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Church Announcements for This Week!

VBS Recap!

This past week we had 16 kids learning and experiencing what it means to be a priceless treasure in the eyes of God. A big thank you

to all those who made this week a success! As part of Treasured VBS, we took part in an Operation Kid-to-Kid mission project that gives kids in North America the opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world. During VBS, the kids gave offerings to help purchase bed nets to keep at-risk children safe from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. If you would like to contribute to this exciting program, please leave your offering in the basket next to the VBS decorations that are in the narthex of the church!

Honoring Our Graduates

Join us on Sunday, June 27 as we celebrate those students that are graduating either from High School, middle school, and college this year. If you would like to have your graduate recognized please contact Joe in the church office or pick up a questionnaire from outside of the office. We will also be looking for a digital picture of the graduate so that we can put them in a picture slide show that will be presented during our worship service.

Deposit Due For Youth Retreat Are Due

If your youth would like to join us on our "Stand" 2021 Summer Retreat up in Williams Bay Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Geneva. This year's theme is all about putting on the Armor of God and taking a stand in our spiritual battle that we face in our everyday life. The dates for this year retreat are July 28 through the 31st. Last day to register and pay your deposit will be Sunday July 4th.

Food Pantry Update

The month of May we served 25 families which includes 71 people. This month we would like to encourage donations of cleaning products like: disinfectant cleaners, sprays, wipes etc., window cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, shower and bath tub cleaners, furniture polish, small bottles of bleach, garbage bags, oven cleaners, rubber gloves, sponges etc. Those are just some ideas. All other donations are welcome also. Donations accepted the First Saturday of each month 9 -10 A.M. and the Sunday before the Monday distribution from 10 - noon at the Pantry 147 Mill Ave. Hampshire. Distribution is Monday June 21 9-10 A.M. and Saturday June 26 9 -10 A.M. Any questions please call Dorothy @ 847-683-3071.



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