

LARGE PRINT EDITION

HOLY COMMUNION



July 9, 2023 + 9:30 am
The yoke of discipleship

Learn Live and Share God's Word

*Christ the dancer welcomes us to the movement of grace
The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and
intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and those often excluded
from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our
own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We
gather this day to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me,
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens." In the
Christian community gathered around word, water, and meal, we
find rest for our souls.*

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

arr. R Bills

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders at the font.

GATHERING AROUND THE FONT

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider
begins.*

P We begin the day anew in baptism
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 145:8–14

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (ICEL)

L Gracious and merciful is the Lord, slow to anger, full of love.

C The Lord is good in every way, merciful to every creature.

L Let your works praise you, Lord, your faithful ones bless you.

**C Let them proclaim your glorious reign,
let them tell of your might.**

L Let them make known to all your might and glorious reign.

C Your dominion lasts forever, your rule for all generations!

L The Lord is faithful in every word and gracious in every work.

C The Lord supports the fallen, raises those bowed down.

**Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who lives in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

P Let us pray .

(ELW psalm prayer)

Loving God, you are faithful in your promises
and tender in your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy,
and continue to satisfy the needs of every living thing,
that all your creatures may bless your name, O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 770

“Give Me Jesus”

stanza 1, 2, 4, 5

**1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.**

Refrain

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.**

**2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. Refrain**

**3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. Refrain**

**5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

We Listen to God's Word

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

FIRST READING *The king comes in peace* Zechariah 9:9–12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15–25a

The struggle within the self

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing: setting 3; p. 142

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

The yoke of discipleship

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:

“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 777
stanzas 1,2,3,5

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

**1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."**

Refrain

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." *Refrain***

**3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain***

**5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain***

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
In our Summer services the intercessions include a prayer of confession as we
prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Each petition concludes:*

...in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

P You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.

You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you. Receive our prayers and give us everything we need for this day and the days to come; in Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

Thank you for your generosity.

"Song over the Waters"

R. Bills

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,

and multiply your graciousness in us,

that the world may be fed with your love,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C it is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

C Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting 3; page 146

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to you,
and nourished us at your table.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world;
in Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

We Are Sent to Be God's Hands in the World

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you,
and bring forth the bountiful gifts of the Spirit in your lives.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 697

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

**2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain***

**3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain***

Text: North American traditional

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love has found us.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

You are welcomed to be seated and enjoy the postlude if you wish.

“Have No Fear / Lord of All Hopefulness”

arr. R. Bills

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Inquirers' coffee today

Grab a cup of coffee and sit down with Pastor C at his table in the lower level during fellowship today. This opportunity for conversation is held monthly (more or less) for guests or inquirers to visit about becoming more actively involved in our life at Mt. Carmel.

Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Sinéad Carolan, *assisting minister*

Bev Obright, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Myrna Flatland, Erik Ruser, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Rick Sundly, Dick Jacobson, *ushers*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Myrna Flatland, Margot Jacobson, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by to the glory of God.

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower level following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

Summer worship attendance

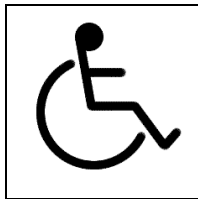
Thank you for considering sitting forward of the banners in the back of the sanctuary for this Summer season. Sitting closer together, and forward, when attendance is lower helps the assembly's worship in two ways:

- ❑ We sing better when we are closer together.
- ❑ We look better on the webcast when the assembly can be seen in the frame.

--- Worship & Music Team

Get our social media numbers up

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel and Pastor C's Twitter feed to help with the algorithms.



Large print bulletins, assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship. Please inquire with an usher.



WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



Digital giving is available at Mt. Carmel. You can easily donate online through our website at mountcarmelmpls.org and click on **Give**. Mt. Carmel Lutheran is supported by generous people like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-781-2796.



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