

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer & anointing for healing

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The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Let us trust Christ our nurse who heals the sick

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

PRELUDE

"All Are Welcome / Rise, Shine You People"

Haugen, Wood;

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

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (67:3).

Psalm 67

(ICEL)

A Favor and bless us, Lord.

**C Let your face shine on us,
revealing your way to all peoples,
salvation the world over.**

A The world will shout for joy,
for you rule the planet with justice.

**C In fairness you govern the nations
and guide the peoples of earth.**

A Let the nations sing your praise,
every nation on earth.

**C The land delivers its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.**

A O God, continue your blessing,
may the whole world worship you.

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

P Let us pray .

(ELW psalm prayer)

God of wisdom,
through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest
fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace,
and feed us with its fruit, everlasting life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 665

“Rise, Shine You People”

**1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.**

- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.**
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.**

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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 *A house of prayer for all people* Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community--not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant —

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 15:[10–20] 21–28

The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus [left that place and] went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN

(hymn) ACS 1062

"Build A Longer Table"

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**

**3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**

**4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

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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 O God of all peoples,
your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with
compassion and constancy, that your name may be known
throughout the earth. Receive all these our prayers and give us
all that 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.

"My Song is Love Unknown"

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.

Meditation on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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 650

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,

but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

**2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the loving God
are surely kin to me.**

**4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love has found us.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“In Christ There is No East or West”

arr. J. Bert Carlson

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

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Healing prayers today

Prayer & anointing for healing are offered this morning; and on a monthly basis. You are invited to come forward following the postlude today for a prayer and blessing for healing with Pastor C.

Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Sinéad Carolan, *assisting minister*
Sandy Bauer, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Dave Larson, Julie Larson, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Rick Sundly, Kevin Ziegler, *ushers*
Al Erickson, *bus ministry*
Gurney family, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Brian and Jodi Wirth.
Happy birthday, Abigail!

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

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

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

*Our hymn of the day is from the ELCA supplement to the ELW, **All Creation Sings** that was published just before the pandemic began.*

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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

Program discussion – service ministries

Bearing Good Fruit

Service projects + Third Sunday + Stewardship + Acts of Mercy + Feed My Starving Children + Roadside cleanup + Refugee support + Church directed mission (local assistance) + Benevolence support + Salty Carmel monthly serving teams + Birthday offering; monthly emphasis + Third Sunday projects

If you are active participants or leaders in these serving and outreach ministries, please gather with Pastor C after coffee today to discuss this cluster of programs in our life together.

Next week: Aug 27 – **Fellowship & relationship ministries discussion:**

Abundant Life

*Sunday coffee fellowship + Quarterly all-congregation events + JOY + Youth group + Life passages + Pastoral care + BeFrienders + MCW + Bus ministry
National Night Out, Northeast Parade + Art-a-Whirl*

Get our social media numbers up

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

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.



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