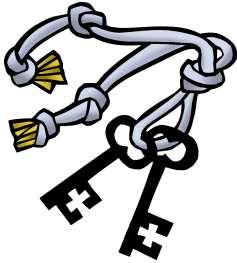


# LARGE PRINT EDITION

## HOLY COMMUNION



August 27, 2023 + 9:30 am  
*The profession of Peter's faith*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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*Christ is the key who opens the door  
and leads us into a new day*

*In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

**We Gather  
to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism**

### PRELUDE

"Faith of Our Fathers"

*James Mansfield*

*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 138

*I will bow down toward your holy temple. (138:8). (ICEL)*

A I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.

**C In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down toward your holy temple.  
I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
You have exalted your name over all.**

A On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

**C All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
"How great is the glory of the LORD!"**

A The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
and the haughty he knows from afar.

**C You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.**

A With your right hand you save me;  
the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.

**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)*  
Compassionate God,  
you look with favor upon the lowly.  
Keep us safe in the midst of trouble,  
make known your love in our words and deeds,  
and bring us to new life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*(hymn)* ELW 786

“O Holy Spirit Enter In”

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
and in our hearts your work begin,  
and make our hearts your dwelling.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
around and in us brightly shine,  
your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance life from heaven  
now is given overflowing,  
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.**
  
- 2 Left to ourselves, we surely stray;  
oh, lead us on the narrow way,  
with wisest counsel guide us;  
and give us steadfastness, that we  
may follow you forever free,  
no matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those hearts now broken;  
give some token you are near us,  
whom we trust to light and cheer us.**
  
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
let your good Word in doubt and strife  
be strongly in us burning,  
that we be faithful unto death  
and live in love and holy faith,  
from you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy on us shower;  
by your power Christ confessing,  
we will cherish all your blessing.**

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.



## SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

### *One body in Christ, with gifts that differ*

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

*Paul writes to the church at Rome:*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

### *The profession of Peter's faith*

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*(hymn)* ELW 596

"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"

**1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***Refrain***

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## **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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world. 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.*

**"O Praise to Thee My God This Night/  
How Firm a Foundation"**

*Jubilate Bells*

### **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 812

“Faith of Our Fathers”

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

### *Refrain*

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.**

- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain***

- 3 Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain***

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love has found us.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Diapason Dialogue”

Gordon Young

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

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## Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*  
Linda Jones, *assisting minister*  
Patrick Kutzer, *reader*  
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*  
Jubilate Bells, *bell choir*  
Dave Larson, Myrna Flatland, *technology*  
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*  
Rick Sundly, Kevin Ziegler, *ushers*  
Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*  
Bob & Barb Hollister, *coffee hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Diane Langer  
Happy Birthday Dolly, Randy, Jill & Liam.

*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.*

## Program discussion – fellowship & abundant life

### Relationship ministries discussion

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

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

### 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.

## God's Work Our Hands Come Home to the Cross

The time is now to start contacting church friends you have missed, neighbors who you know would enjoy visiting Mt. Carmel, family members who could meet you at church. As we begin a new program year, we'll be expecting them and others like them. We'll do our part to prepare. But only know who the Spirit has put into your thoughts who could be a part of our life at Mt. Carmel. It'll be a grand homecoming.

**September 10** – God's Work Our Hands – we'll join with the whole ELCA and celebrate being Jesus' hands at work in the world! Fellowship service projects.

**September 17** – Homecoming "Come Home to the Cross" (Rally Sunday). Fellowship meal with all-congregation intergenerational activity.

**September 24** – Sunday faith formation resumes.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.

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