

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

God's Work, Our Hands

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Reconciliation

in the community of faith

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Christ is the open ear of God, always ready to listen to us. Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick

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

GATHERING HYMN

"God's Work, Our Hands"

(hymn) ACS 1000

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P** Blessed be God: the one who forms us, from the earth
‡ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C** **Our hands were empty and you filled them.**
- A** We need water to drink:
C **We need water to wash.**
- A** We need water to grow:
C **We praise you, O God, for water.**

A We praise you, O God, for water:

C We praise you, O God, for baptism.

A We praise you, O God, for your Word:

C We praise you, O God, for baptism.

A We praise you, O God, for your Spirit upon the waters.

C We praise you, O God, for baptism.

A Word and Spirit: extraordinary promises upon the waters.

C We praise you, O God, for baptism.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(hymn) **ELW 689**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

stanza 1- 2

**1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

BLESSING OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The presider continues with words of welcome.

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

FIRST READING

The prophet's responsibility

Ezekiel 33:7–11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lord keep us steadfast in your Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:33–40 (ICEL)

I desire the path of your commandments. (119:35)

Proclaimed antiphonally by the assembly,

beginning organ/lectern side C-LEFT; then pulpit side C-RIGHT

- CL *God, teach me your ways and I will follow them closely.
Help me understand your will, that I may cherish your law.*
- CR **Guide me along your path, a way of delight.
Open my heart to your laws and not to riches.**
- CL *Turn my eyes from the lure of evil, let me live your truth.
Keep your promise to one who reveres you.*
- CR **Spare me the shame I fear. How good your commands!
See, I want what is right; Let your justice give me life.**

SECOND READING

Live honorably as in the day

Romans 13:8–14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lord keep us steadfast in your Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing: setting 10 p. 205:

C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Reconciliation in the community of faith

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals — and the church as a whole — should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says:

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN

"When We Are Living"

(hymn) ELW 639

in English; stanzas 1 - 3

1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

- 2** 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3** Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind;
and when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942
st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

APOSTLES' CREED

A We have been made God's people through our Baptism into
Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

P ... in Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

PEACE

2 Corinthians 5:1

P In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

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 Sing to the Lord"

God's Work Our Hands pop-up choir

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

**C God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

P ...and join their unending hymn.

setting 10; page 207

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n 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.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

C Our Father who art 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting 10; page 208

C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now,
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now,
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace,
we pray.

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Lord God, bestow on us your grace and favor, that we might follow Christ our Savior and live together here in love and union, nor repent this blest communion. Let not your good Spirit forsake us; by this holy banquet remake us. Give your church, Lord, to see days of peace and unity; in Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

We are sent to be God's hands in the world

BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

BLESSING

P Almighty God bless you,
and direct your days and your deeds in peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 867

"In Thee Is Gladness"

1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!

**2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God's Word endures forever.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Gladness" *Lindemann/Gastoldi*
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*
Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*
Roger Peterson, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Pop-up Choir
Dave & Julie Larson, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Al Erickson, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*
Dave Larson, *bus ministry*
Karen Moeller & sisters, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Al & Audrey Erickson in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary.
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.

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, and 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 you 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 17 – Homecoming “Come Home to the Cross” (Rally around the Cross Sunday). Fellowship meal with all-congregation inter-generational activity. Blessing of Faith Formation ministries. Chancel Choir returns.

September 24 – Sunday faith formation resumes for all ages.

Ministry team leaders meeting

Sunday, September 24 - 10:45 am

We'll talk process, tactics and goals as we work to be on one page as leaders of a whole variety of ministries, to keep focus on our common mission.



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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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