

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Thanksgiving for animals*

October. 8, 2023 + 9:30 am

*The parable of the vineyard owner's son*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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*We share a cup of wine from the vineyard of Christ's love. In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### PRELUDE

"Shout to the Lord"

*arr. D. Zechech*

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

### GATHERING HYMN

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

*(hymn) ELW 519*

*stanzas 1 & 2*

- 1 Open your ears, O faithful people,  
open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you.**

### **Refrain**

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!  
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**2 They who have ears to hear the message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear;  
they who would learn the way of wisdom,  
let them hear God's word. Refrain**

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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**

*“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”*

*(hymn) WOV 671*

*stanza 1 & 5*

***Refrain***

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
holy is the king of creation. *Refrain***

**5 Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain***

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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.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good.  
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit  
to know those things that are right,  
and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them,  
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*

### CHILDREN'S WORD THANKSGIVING FOR ANIMALS

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

#### FIRST READING

*The song of the vineyard*

Isaiah 5:1–7

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 80:7-15 (ICEL)

*Look down from heaven, O God;  
behold and tend this vine. (80:14, 15)*

*Proclaimed antiphonally by the assembly,  
beginning organ/lectern side C-LEFT; then pulpit side C-RIGHT*

CL Restore to us, God of might, the light of your presence,

**CR and we shall be saved.**

CL You brought a vine from Egypt,  
cleared out nations to plant it;

**CR you prepared the ground and made it take root  
to fill the land.**

CL It overshadowed the mountains,  
towered over the might cedars,

**CR stretched its branches to the sea,  
its roots to the distant river.**

CL Why have you now torn down its walls?

**CR All who pass by steal the grapes,  
wild boars tear up its roots, beasts devour its fruit.**

CL Turn our way, God of might, look down from heaven;

**CR tend this vine you planted, cherish it once more.**

## SECOND READING

*Nothing surpasses knowing Christ*

Philippians 3:4b–14

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

*Paul writes to the church in Philippi:*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**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

*The parable of the vineyard owner's son* Matthew 21:33-46  
*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

*Jesus says:*

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:  
'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

*(hymn) ACS 1000  
see insert or screen*

- 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.**

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## 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 autumn 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** 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.

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **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.*

**"In You O Lord I Will Place My Trust"**

*arr. A. Pote*

## **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.

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,  
our joy and delight. Strengthened by this meal fellowship,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

## **SENDING**

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

### BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you,  
and direct your days and your deeds in peace.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

“Thine the Amen”

*(hymn)* ELW 826

*stanzas 1, 2, 4*

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.**
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.**
- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise  
then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story  
then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing  
at thy feast at thy feast.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

John 15:16

A Jesus says, I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last. Go in peace. Bear good fruit.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Thine the Amen”

arr. Krentz

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

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## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dave Olson, *guest presider*

Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*

Audrey Erickson, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Chancel Choir

Eric Ruser, Julie Larson, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Dave Samletzka, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Karen Moeller, *coffee hosts*

Rev. Foy Christopherson, *pastor*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by LuAnn Swanson  
in memory of daughter Deb.

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

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

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

### Adult forum today:

*What are they saying about Philippians?*

David Olson will lead us in a discussion about Philippians. Paul’s primary purpose in writing this letter was to thank the Philippians for the gift they had sent him upon learning of his detention at Rome. However, he makes use of this occasion to fulfill several other desires: (1) to report on his own circumstances; (2) to encourage the Philippians to stand firm in the face of persecution and rejoice regardless of circumstances; and (3) to exhort them to humility and unity.

## All Saints Book of Remembrance

Write the names of those you plan to remember on All Saints in the Book of Remembrance in the narthex between now and November 5. Our All Saints' liturgy that Sunday will include those Mt. Carmel families who have lost loved ones in the past year since last All Saints'.

## Serving Team members for November

Sign up in the narthex to join the Salty Carmel Serving Team for November. We'd welcome three additional households for the month.

## 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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