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HOLY COMMUNION
*Blessing of health,
medical & caring vocations*

October 15, 2023 + 9:30 am
The parable of the unwelcome guest

Learn Live and Share God's Word

On the mountain of Christ, there is enough room for everyone. In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

"Give Thanks"

arr. Henry Smith

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the baptismal font.

GATHERING HYMN

"Give Thanks"

(hymn) W&P 41

sing two times

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

Text: Henry Smith

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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.

Lord of the feast,

you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with abundance.

Call us again to your banquet.

Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,
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

FIRST READING

The feast of victory

Isaiah 25:1–9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23 (ICEL)

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (23:5)

Proclaimed antiphonally by the assembly,

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

CL The Lord is my shepherd, I need nothing more.

CR **You give me rest in green meadows,
 setting me near calm waters, where you revive my spirit.**

CL You guide me along sure paths, you are true to your name.

CR **Though I should walk in death's dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.**

CL You spread a table before me as my foes look on.

CR **You soothe my head with oil; my cup is more than full.**

CL Goodness and love will tend me every day of my life.

CR **I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

SECOND READING

Rejoice in the Lord always

Philippians 4:1–9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

Paul writes to the church in Philippi:

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

The parable of the unwelcome guest Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was

speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.**
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,**

**seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.**

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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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (*Reception of New Members*)

Karl Breitbarth

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.**

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.

"We Come to Your Feast"

arr. J. Michael Joncas

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.

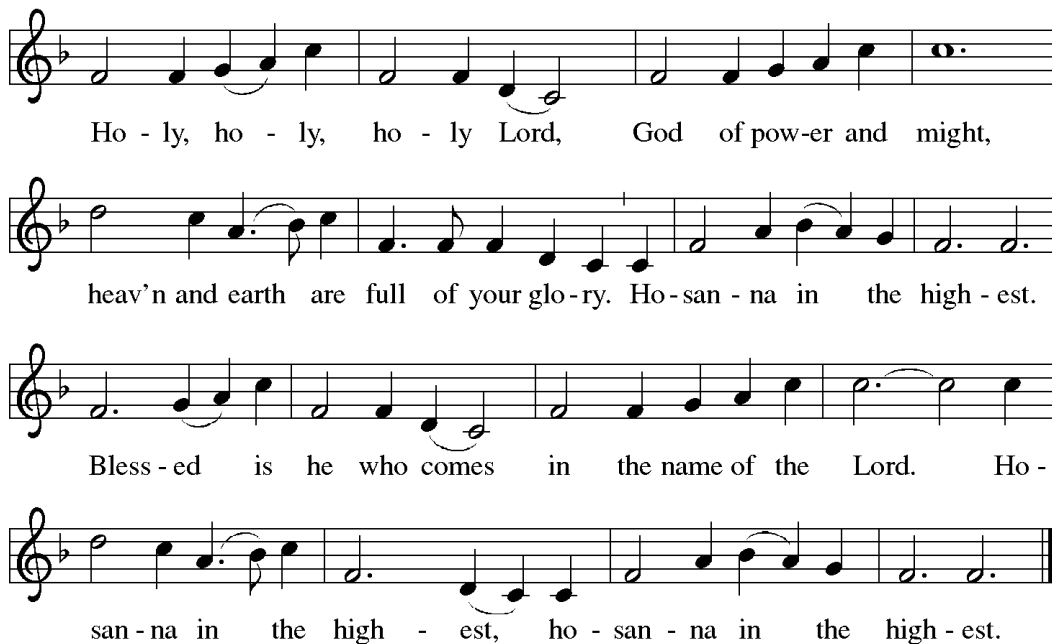
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal 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 OF HEALTH, MEDICAL & HEALING VOCATIONS

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

(hymn) ELW 547

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

arr. Westendorf

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

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*
Diane Langer, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Chancel Choir
Eric Ruser, Myrna Flatland, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Dave Samletzka, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*
Rick Labandz, *bus ministry*
Karen Moeller, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by the Labandz family
in celebration of their 18th anniversary.

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

Please join us for a homecoming lunch in the lower level following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

PRAYER & ANOINTING FOR HEALING will offered today
following the postlude. Meet Pastor C at the baptismal font...

LUKE, PHYSICIAN AND EVANGELIST Is remembered today
(Oct. 18, annually) as we ask God's blessing upon all those who
serve in healing, medical and caring vocations. Identified as the
author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the
events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His
gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the
songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon. He is
traditionally thought to have been a physician.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: today. We will welcome new
member Karl Breitbarth into our life together this morning.
Welcome Karl!!

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'.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DISCUSSION CONTINUES TODAY

"Becoming the story we tell" handbook

Pastor C will lead us in looking at the emerging resources for understanding the church post-pandemic. This is the material the congregation council used at their annual retreat... 10:45 am

SERVING TEAM MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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

CATECHISM RE-TREAD: SACRAMENTS – HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, October 22 - 10:45 am: Pastor C will lead a joint adult and youth forum reviewing what Luther's Small Catechism says about sacraments, specifically Baptism. If you wish to prepare, download the Small Catechism app free from Augsburg Fortress.

ANNUAL FOUNDATION BRUNCH OCTOBER 29

After worship Reformation Sunday...

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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