

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

October 22, 2023 + 9:30 am
*A teaching about the emperor
and God*

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Jesus is the treasure who makes us rich in love

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

arr. Doherty/Hayes

"Interlude IV / Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

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

GATHERING HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

*(hymn) ■ ELW 583
English stanzas 1 - 3*

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain***
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain***

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.;

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***

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950
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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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.

Created by you, let us live in your image;

created for you, let us act for your glory;

redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,

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

An earthly ruler works God's will

Isaiah 45:1–7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole

world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him —
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 96:1–13 (ICEL)

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (96:7)

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

CL Sing a new song for the Lord!
Sing it and bless God's name, everyone, everywhere!
Tell the whole world of God's triumph day to day,
God's glory, God's wonder.

CR A noble God deserves praise, the dread of other gods,
the puny gods of the pagans;
for our God made the heavens —
the Lord of majestic light who fills the temple with beauty.

CL Proclaim the Lord, you nations,
praise the glory of God's power,
praise the glory of God's name!
Bring gifts to the temple, bow down, all the earth,
tremble in God's holy presence.

CR Tell the nations, "The Lord rules!"
As the firm earth is not swayed,
nothing can sway God's judgment.

CL Let heaven and earth be glad, the sea and sea creatures roar,
the field and its beasts exult.

CR Then let the trees of the forest sing
before the coming of the Lord,
who comes to judge the nations, to set the earth

SECOND READING

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica. (From:)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;

just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

A teaching about the emperor and God

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ■ W&P 125

“Sing a New Song”

Refrain

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

- 1 Yahweh’s people dance for joy;
oh, come before the Lord,
and praise the Lord on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain***
- 2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
The Lord has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain***
- 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives. *Refrain***

Text: Daniel Schutte

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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 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.

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 Christ Alone”

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

BE-FRIENDER MINISTRIES COMMISSIONING

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(hymn) ■ ELW 705
stanzas 1, 2, 4

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,
- 4 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let we miss your kingdom's goal.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

arr. Fosdick/Hughes

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

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Dave Olsen, *assisting minister*

Julie Larson, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Chancel Choir

Dave Larson, Myrna Flatland, *technology*

Barb Hollister, Kathy Halverson, *sacristan/altar guild*

Dave Samletzka, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*

Rich Feist, *bus ministry*

Al Erickson, Karen Moeller, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Frank & Barb Johnson
in celebration of their 25th 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.

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'.

ANNUAL COMMISSIONING OF BE-FRIENDERS MINISTRY

We ask for God's blessing today as our BeFriender visitors continue their faithful ministry of care in our congregation: Janell Wampler, Diane Langer, Myrna Flatland, Al Erickson, Barb Hollister & Dave Olson.

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"

Adult forum today - 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

Reformation Sunday after worship...

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS: Bishop Eaton writes: *"I encourage the people of the ELCA to unite in prayer for the families of innocent civilians whose lives were lost, as well as pray for healing for all the injured, fearful and traumatized."* **Lutheran Disaster Response** has a history of providing support for our partners and anticipates answering calls for assistance when the time comes. Gifts to "Middle East Crisis" will be used to address humanitarian needs in the region. Above all, we pray for peace.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY – ART EXHIBIT

Thank you to all who participated in the Homecoming 2023 congregational art exhibit of crosses. You are invited to collect your cross next time you are at church. We'll do this again for another celebration.

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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