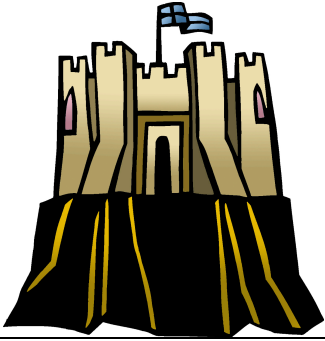


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HOLY COMMUNION

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023 + 9:30 am

Loving God and neighbor

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Christ comes to us through the neighbor in need

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

Reformation Sunday: On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

"Humble Thyself In The Sight of The Lord" *arr. Bob Hudson*

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

PROFESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(hymn) ELW 504

stanzas 1 & 2 – all

stanza 3 – choir

stanza 4 – all

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

**2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
Ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

CHOIR

**3 *Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.***

**4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, fame, child, or spouse,
through life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!**

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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

“Thy Strong Word”

(hymn) ELW 511

stanza 5

**5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!**

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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, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and lead us to care tenderly for all our neighbors. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, and bestow on all creation your saving 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

Acts of justice

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

The holiness code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

...Lord keep us steadfast in your Word.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (46:7)
Proclaimed responsively by the assembly and leaders.

P God is for us a refuge and strength,

A an ever-present help in time of distress:

**C so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea;**

P even though its waters rage and foam,

A even though the mountains shall be shaken by its tumult.

**C The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

P The waters of a river give joy to God's city,

A the holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.

**C God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.**

P Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:

A he lifts his voice, the earth melts away.

**C The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

P Come and behold the works of the LORD,

A the awesome deeds he has done on earth.

C He puts an end to wars over all the earth;

P the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps,
the shields he burns with fire:

A "Be still and know that I am God,
exalted over nations, exalted over earth!"

**C The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

SECOND READING FOR REFORMATION

Justified by God's grace as a gift

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other

Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul writes to the church in Rome:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

...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:

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

Let it burn like fire within us;

speaking until our hearts are stirred.

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

GOSPEL

Loving God and neighbor

Matthew 22:34–46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

They said to him, “The son of David.”

⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”

⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 708

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love”

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***

**3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

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APOSTLES' CREED & LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

**A Let us together proclaim the faith that we share,
using the words of the Apostle's Creed and
Martin Luther's Small Catechism.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

A What does this mean?

**C I believe that God has created me together with all that exists.
God has given me and still preserves my body and soul:
eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental
faculties.**

**P In addition, God daily and abundantly provides
shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm,
spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property –
along with**

all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life.

**C God protects me against all danger
and shields and preserves me from all evil.
And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine
goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness
of mine at all!
For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise,
serve and obey
him. This is most certainly true.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

A What does this mean?

**C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father in eternity,
and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary,
is my Lord.
He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being.**

**P He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver
but with his holy, precious blood
and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**C He has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom,
and serve him in eternal righteousness,
innocence, and blessedness,
just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.
This is most certainly true.**

P Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

A What does this mean?

C **I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
made me holy and kept me in the true faith,**

P just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy
the whole Christian church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.

C **Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly
forgives all sins – mine and those of all believers.
On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.
This is most certainly tru**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*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.

"God is Our Refuge and Strength"

Allen 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

(M. Luther)

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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 576

"We All Are One in Mission"

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**
- 2 We all are called to service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Praising the Almighty"

Edward Broughton

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

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Dave Samletzka, Wayne Halverson, *ushers*
Doug Jones, *bus ministry*
Foundation, *brunch hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Diane Langer
in memory of Adeline Egeland.

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

Please join us for the foundation brunch 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'.

SERVING TEAM MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sign up in the narthex to join the Salty Carmel Serving Team for November. We welcome four households for the month.

ANNUAL FOUNDATION LEGACY BRUNCH TODAY

Join us after worship...

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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