

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday

June 2, 2024 + 9:30 am

Doing the work of God on the sabbath

Learn Live and Share God's Word

We gather on the Lord's day, God's gift to us in Christ

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

Marty Haugen

At the sound of the bell please stand if you are able.

GATHERING DIALOG

A Blessed be God who calls us together.

C Praise be God who makes us one people.

A Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

C Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

A Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

C Praise to God who is revealed as love.

A Blessed be God who alone has called us.

C We offer all that we are, and all that we shall become.

A Receive, O God, our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

C Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

GATHERING SONG

(hymn) 532

"Gather Us In"

- 1 Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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REETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

P Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

C **God is with us, here we find new life.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick,
and make whole all that you have made.

Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin,
and by your power restore us to wholeness of life,
in Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

Word

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The commandment regarding the sabbath

Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 81:1-10 ICEL

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob (81:1)

A Shout joy to God, the God of our strength,
sing to the God of Jacob.

C Life hearts, strike tambourines, sound lyre and harp

A Blow trumpets at the New Moon, till the full moon of our feast

**C For this is a law for Israel, the command of Jacob's God,
decreed for the house of Joseph when we marched from
Egypt.**

A We heard a voice unknown: I lifted burdens from your backs,
a blistering load from your hands.

**C "You cried out in pain and I rescued you;
robed in thunder, I answered you."**

A At the waters of Meribah I tested you.

**C "My people, hear my complaint;
Israel, if you would only listen.
You shall have no other gods, do now bow before them."**

A I am the Lord your God.

I brought you out of Egypt and fed your hungry mouths.

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Treasure in clay jars

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry, we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

Paul writes to the church in Corinth:

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 4; ELW page 151

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Doing the work of God on the sabbath

Mark 2:23—3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest,

and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 612

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain**
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain**

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain**

**4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain**

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BLESSING OF GRADUATES

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us proclaim 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.

each petition concludes:

...Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

C Your mercy endures forever.

Meal

PEACE

P May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

C May the word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ 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 Day of Rest and Gladness"

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C Blessed are you, God of all creation;

through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord is here.

C God's spirit is with us.

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 4, ELW p. 153

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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 Communion

Communion

“Lamb of God”

setting 4; ELW page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

C Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

P Be strengthened with the power of God,
+ the love of Christ,
and the help of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

(hymn) ELW 399

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

- 1 O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.**
- 2 Eternal vigor, Saving One,
you free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain,
and all creation is restored.**
- 3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the world.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.

A Go now to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“On Our Way Rejoicing” .

Frances Havergal

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Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*

Bev Obright, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Jubilate Bells, *summer music*

Erik Ruser, Matti Gurney, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Doug & Linda Jones, *ushers*

Al Erickson, *bus ministry*

Labandz family *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given
in honor of Stephenie Labandz's birthday!

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.

*The language of our worship this summer
is based on language in the New Zealand Prayer Book.*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below if you can help to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Northeast Parade	Karen Moeller	Tuesday, June 18
Summer coffee hosts	Karen Moeller	Sign up downstairs
Salty Carmel hosts	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Annual budget team	Karen Moeller	new team established by cong. Council (only Autumn meetings)

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.



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