

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday

June 23, 2024 + 9:30 am

*Jesus calming the sea*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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### *Jesus our boatman will hold us in the storm*

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

*arr. J.G. Ebeling / R. Lowry*

"Evening & Morning / My Life Goes On"

*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) 773*

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**1 Precious Lord, take my hand.**

**lead me on, let me stand,**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night,**

**Lead me on to the light.**

**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2 When my way grows drear,**

**Precious Lord, linger near,**

**when my life is almost gone,**

**hear my cry, hear my call,**

**hold my hand lest I fall.**

**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3 When the darkness appears**

**and the night draws near,**

**and the day is past and gone,**

**at the river I stand,**

**Guide my feet, hold my hand.**

**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

## **GREETING 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.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**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**

*The Creator of earth and sea*

Job 38:1–11

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb? —  
<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

Praise to Christ the Word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32 ICEL

*You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (107:29)*

A Give thanks to the Lord of goodness, for God is lasting love.  
Let those saved by God tell their story:

**C how the Lord snatched them from the oppressor’s might,  
gathering them from east and west, from north and south.**

A Sailors went down to the sea, traders on merchant ships,  
and saw the works of the Lord, all the wonders of the deep.

**C At God’s command, a storm whipped up the waves,  
high as the rolling clouds, low as the fathomless depths.**

A Seafarers trembled, lurching and reeling like drunks,  
helpless without their skills.

**C Then they cried out, and God snatched them from danger,  
hushing the wind, stilling the waters.**

A They rejoiced in the calm as God brought them into port.

**C Let them celebrate God's love,  
all the wonders revealed to them.**

A Let the assembly shout "Hallelujah"

**C Hallelujah!**

**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

*Paul's defense of his ministry*

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

*Paul writes to the church at Corinth:*

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet

always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

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

*Christ calming the sea*

Mark 4:35–41

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

<sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”

<sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn)* ELW 763

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

*stanza 1, 2, 4*

**1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

#### *Refrain*

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

**2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

**4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

*(Maori, New Zealand)*

A Let us together proclaim the faith that we share

with Christians around the world, using words of a Maori creed...

**C** You, O God, are supreme and holy,  
You create our world and give us life,  
your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us. You are God.  
You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us  
in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now. You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

## **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.

*finally:*

**P** Merciful God,

you look with compassion on all who turn to you.

Hear the prayers of your people.

**C** Grant that what we have asked in faith



we may by your grace receive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Meal**

### **PEACE**

P Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace,  
C **who breaks down the walls that divide.**

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.*

**"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**

### **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** ... we give you thanks and sing:

*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:*

*...Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day,  
from us and all people, here and everywhere.*

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer (1789)**

**P** As Christ teaches we pray:

**C** Our Father who art in 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 574*

"Here I Am, Lord"

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

***Refrain***

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" ***Refrain***

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" ***Refrain***

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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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

“Precious Lord”

*arr. Tom Dorsay*

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## **Serving Today**

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Karen Moeller, *assisting minister*

Patrick Kutzer, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Pop-up Summer Choir, *summer music*

Julie Larson, Anna Matthes, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Doug and Linda Jones, *ushers*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Rich and Sue Feist, *coffee hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Rich and Sue Feist.

*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.*

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Water the butterfly garden	Dave Olson	Summer opportunity
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
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Karen Moeller	Team forming now
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](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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