

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday

July 7, 2024 + 9:30 am

The Twelve sent to preach and heal

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Jesus the carpenter sends us out to build up others' faith

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Doxology"

arr. Louis Bourgeois

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) ELW 519

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

- 1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.**

Refrain

**Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!**

- 2 God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! *Refrain***

- 3 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. *Refrain***

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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.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of 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 call of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 2:1–5

In 597 B.C., the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have

rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICITE MINNESOTA (*Bless the Lord, Minnesota*)

Benedicite Minnesota based on the Benedicite Aotearoa in the New Zealand Prayerbook; both inspired by Psalm 148 and the Song of the Three in Daniel.

A O give thanks to our God who is good;

C whose love endures forever.

A Sun and moon and stars, lights of the northern sky:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A Sunrise and sunset, day and night:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A Hills and valleys, pine forests and grasslands,
glacial lakes, riverbanks and boundary waters,
shelter belts and tall-grass prairies,
headwaters and Superior:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A Rivers and streams, bogs and moraines, frost and ice,
snow and rain, ponds and lakes, laughing waters:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A Maples and pines, cottonwood and dogwood, elm and ash,
corn and oats, wheat and soybeans,
wild rice and alfalfa, ragweed and thistle:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A Walleye and sunfish, badger and deer, eagle and loon,
moose and elk:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A Rabbits and cattle, mosquitoes and moths, cats and bears,
wolves and dogs, robins and bees, sparrows and cardinals
and squirrels, sheep and pigs, owls and hawks:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A All peoples immigrant and native, women and men,
who inhabit water bathed Minnesota:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A All you saints and martyrs of the Prairies and North Woods:

C give to our God thanks and praise.

A O give thanks to our God who is good;

C whose love endures forever.

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

God's power made perfect in weakness 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

Paul writes to the church at Corinth:

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person — whether in the body or

out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

The Twelve sent to preach and heal

Mark 6:1–13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God’s word and relieve affliction.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 546

"To Be Your Presence"

**1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**

- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

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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.

Offering Song (all sing)

"Gods' Work, Our Hands"

(hymn) **ACS 1000**

(tune: *Earth & All Stars*)

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

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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:

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 535

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat**

1 Christ the Lord to us said:

**I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

2 Now he sends us all out,

**strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. Refrain**

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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

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

arr. M. Sedio / J. Helgen

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Chancel flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God.

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

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the Fireside Room 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.*

*Pastor C is away. Please contact Madeline in the church office should you
need pastoral care or attention.*

Serving Today

Rev. David Olson, *presider*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

Jo Alice Boatright, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Myrna Flatland, Julie Larson, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Rick Sundly and Dick Jacobson, *ushers*

Dave Larson, *bus ministry*

Karen Moeller, *coffee host*

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *pastor*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Readers: dramatized scripture reading	Office	July 14th
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 th Anniversary	Karen Moeller	Team forming now
Bread of Christ month Bread bakers / buyers	Office	July 28 - Aug 25
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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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