

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday

August 11, 2024 + 9:30 am

*Christ, the bread of life*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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*Christ the baker transforms our lumpiness into real bread*

*Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

“Bourrée in F Major”

G. P. Telemann

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

### GATHERING DIALOG

A The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.

P The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

L **Sing with thankfulness... songs of pure delight.**

**Come and revel in... heaven's love and light.**

R **Take your place at the table of the King.**

**The feast is ready to begin;**

**C the feast is ready to begin.**

A Tables are laden with good things;  
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.

P He'll fill you up with love divine;  
he'll turn your water into wine.

**L Sing with thankfulness... songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in... heaven's love and light.**

**R Take your place at the table of the King.**

**The feast is ready to begin;**

**C the feast is ready to begin.**

A The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.

P Now hear all heaven and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

**L Sing with thankfulness... songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in... heaven's love and light.**

**R Take your place at the table of the King.**

**The feast is ready to begin;**

**C the feast is ready to begin.**

#ELW 531 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*  
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## **GATHERING SONG**

*(hymn)* **ELW 522**

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

**1 As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.**

**3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.**

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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.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven  
to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in  
him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his  
body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our 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

*Elijah given bread for his journey*

1 Kings 19:4–8

*Dramatized*

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God; and afterwards Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, bread of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 34:1–8 ICEL

*Taste and see that the LORD is good. (34:8)*

A I will never stop thanking God, with constant words of praise.

**C My soul will boast of God; the poor will hear me and be glad.**

A Join me in praising the Lord, together tell of God's name.

**C I asked and the Lord responded, freed me from all my fears.**

A Turn to God, be bright with joy; you shall never be let down.

**C I begged and God heard, took my burdens from me.**

A God's angel defends the faithful, guards them on every side.

Drink in the richness of God, enjoy the strength of the Lord.

**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

*Put away evil, live in love*

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of

redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

<sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, bread of life.

**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, the bread of life*

John 6:35, 41–51

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Jesus said to [the crowd], “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless

drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

<sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn)* ELW 658

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
the fount of life, the light of all:  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.**
- 2 We taste you, ever-living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the fountainhead;  
our thirsting souls from you we fill.**
- 3 For you our restless spirits yearn,  
where'er our changing lot is cast;  
glad, when your smile on us you turn,  
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.**

**4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
Make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
Shed o'er the world your holy light.**

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

## **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.*

**"O Lord Most Holy"**

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray together.

**C** God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,

and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 Honor and worship are indeed your due,  
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,  
For you created all things;  
and for your glory they have their being. (  
Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,  
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,  
joyfully 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:*

**P** ...both now and forever.

**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.

O God, we thank you for the living bread  
that rains down from heaven.

**C** From this feast of love

may we carry your eternal life  
as daily food for the well-being of the world;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Sending

## BLESSING

**P** Christ, the Bread of Life, sends out all who love,  
renewed by word and sacrament.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you now and remain with you 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**

Text: South African, tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984  
English text © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

## DISMISSAL

*Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.*

A Go in peace. Feed the hungry.  
C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Diapason Dialogue”

Gordon Young

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# CHRIST

THE BREAD OF LIFE

## Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

Allison Gurney, *reader*

Patrick Kutzer, Sinéad Carolan, *dramatized reading*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Jo Alice Boatright, *summer music*

Jo Alice Boatright, *gift of bread*

Myrna Flatland and Erik Ruser, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Wayne Halverson, *ushers*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Nancy and Jim Felicetta, *coffee hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Brian and Jodi Wirth  
in honor of Ben'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:

<b>OPPORTUNITY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>DUE</b>
Water the butterfly garden	Dave Olson	Summer opportunity
Office volunteer	Madeline	Wed., August 14
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
Selling/donating used church equipment	Steve Panning	Autumn
Bread of Christ month Readers: dramatized scripture readings	Office	Aug 4 - 25

# 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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