

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
Blessing of Sunday School &  
faith formation leaders

Homecoming Sunday  
September 15, 2024 + 9:30 am  
*Peter's confession of faith*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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*Listen to Jesus the anointed one who speaks God's blessing over us  
Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith.  
This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah."  
In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the  
life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about  
his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But  
Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the  
cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

## Gathering

### GATHERING MUSIC

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick

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

### PROFESSIONAL SONG

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*(hymn)* ELW 866

**1 We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.**

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

**We are dancing . . .**

**We are praying . . .**

**We are singing . . .**

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P** ... through Jesus Christ, our living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **GREETING**

**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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*(hymn)* ELW 531

*“The Feast is Ready”*

**1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing.  
the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heav’n are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

## REFRAIN

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin;  
The feast is ready to begin.**

**2 Tables are laden with good things;  
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine,  
he'll turn your water into wine. REFRAIN**

**3 The hungry heart he satisfies,  
offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord. REFRAIN**

Text & music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950  
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## GATHERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, 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.*

## BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & FAITH FORMATION LEADERS

### FIRST READING

*The servant is vindicated by God*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Learn, live and share God's word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 116:1-8 ICEL

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (116:8)*

A I am filled with love, for the Lord hears me;

**C the Lord bends to my voice whenever I call.**

A Death had me in its grip, the grave's trap was set,  
grief held me fast.

**C I cried out for God, "Please, Lord, rescue me!"**

A Kind and faithful is the Lord, gentle is our God.

**C The Lord shelters the poor, raises me from the dust.**

A Rest once more, my heart, for you know the Lord's love.

**C God rescues me from death, wiping my tears,  
steadying my feet.**

A I walk with the Lord in this land of the living.

**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

*Dangers of the unbridled tongue*

James 3:1-12

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

<sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW hymn #172

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

**C Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

## GOSPEL

*Peter's confession of faith*

Mark 8:27-38

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

The gospel according to Mark.

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

<sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

<sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn)* W&P 22

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

#### *Refrain*

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

- 2 You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

- 3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

- 4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** Let us proclaim the faith that we share.

**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 us, O God,

**C** Your mercy is great.

## **Meal**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*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.*

**"Let Your Light Shine"**

*Don Besig*

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray together.

**C** Blessed are you, O God,

**source of every gift of your creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives,**

**help us to serve one another and all in need,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

## **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** ... join their unending hymn:

*in canon, piano side begins ELW hymn #525*

**C You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more**

than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

*Text: Per Harling, b. 1945*

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*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"

*ELW hymn #195*

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.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## **Sending**

### **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 SONG**

*(hymn)* **ELW 798**  
*stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5*

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

**1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"**

- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **DISMISSAL**

*Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

John Bell

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### Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

Rich Feist, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir Jubilate Bells

Matt Nordeen, *guitar*

Erick Ruser, Matti Gurney, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Rich Feist, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*

Dave Larson, *bus ministry*

Tessa Gurney, *coffee hosts*

Nordeen Family, *Salty Carmel hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Adam & Jessica Walz  
in memory of mother Judy'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.*



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God's work. Our hands.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Selling/donating used church equipment	Steve Panning	Autumn
Paint the childcare shed gables	Steve Panning	Autumn
Stewardship Team	Al Erickson	September
Coffee hosts	Karen Moeller	Sign up downstairs
Salty Carmel hosts	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex

## WORD AND SERVICE

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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**SALTY CARMEL SERVING TEAM – September 2024**

Nordeen family

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## SOCKTOBERFEST!

### Shoes & socks for St. Crispin's Day

Donate new or gently used shoes  
and new socks.

September 9 - October 25

God's Work, Our Hands - St. Crispin's Day

Sponsored by the GA & MCLC  
Better Together team



# 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.

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