

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024 + 9:30 am

Christ heals blind Bartimaeus

Bible milestone

Learn Live and Share God's Word

The throne of Christ holds the little ones of this world

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free. As we observe the Reformation today the church prays for renewal and reconciliation among all Christians, that we may more faithfully witness to the world.

Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"

Bob Hudson

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

PROCESSIONAL SONG *1 – all; 2 – choir; 3 – cong. w/choir; 4 – all*
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Psalm 46 paraphrase*

**1 A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our help God amid the flood
Of mortal ill prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

2 choir

**3 And though this world, with devil filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**4 That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through God who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still,
God’s kingdom is forever.**

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P ... and today you shower us again with the water of life.

C We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this
font, and for all water everywhere.

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**

GATHERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts.

Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal compassion, have mercy on us.

Renew the church. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

Word

CHILDREN'S WORD: BIBLE MILESTONE

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Learn, live and share God's word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 126 ICEL

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (126:5)

A The Lord brings us back to Zion, we are like dreamers,
laughing, dancing, with songs on our lips.

**C Other nations say, "A new world of wonders!
The Lord is with them."**

A Yes, God works wonders. Rejoice! Be glad!

**C Lord, bring us back as water to a thirsty land.
Those sowing in tears reap, singing and laughing.**

A They left weeping, weeping, casting the seed.
They come back singing, singing, holding high the harvest.

**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

Justified by God's grace as a gift

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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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

Christ heals blind Bartimaeus

Mark 10:46–52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again.

Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

The gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 513

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Refrain

(Listen,)

listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

(Listen,)

listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)

share the good news

(that he came to save us)

and set us free. Refrain

2 (Let none be forgotten)

throughout the world.

(In the triune name of God)

go and baptize. Refrain

3 (Help us to be faithful,)

standing steadfast,

(walking in your precepts,)

led by your Word. Refrain

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

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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.

finally:

P ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”

A. Pote

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 ...and 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) W&P 73

"I Will Sing, I Will Sing"

stanza 1 – choir; stanzas 2-6 - all

- 1 I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

- 2 We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. REFRAIN**

- 3 If the Son, if the Son shall make you free,
if the Son, if the Son shall make you free,
if the Son, if the Son shall make you free,
You shall be free indeed. REFRAIN**

- 4 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. REFRAIN**

**5 Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess,
Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess,
Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord. REFRAIN**

**6 In his name, in his name we have the victory.
In his name, in his name we have the victory.
In his name, in his name we have the victory.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. REFRAIN**

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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.

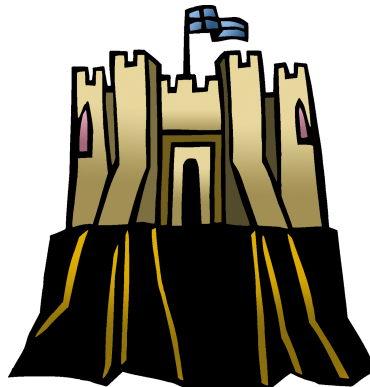
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Ancient of Days”

P. Taylor

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Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*

Patrick Kutzer, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Erik Ruser and Matti Gurney, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Dave Samletzka, Fred Chinquist, *ushers*

Stephenie Labandz, *bus ministry*

Mt. Carmel Foundation, *Brunch hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Kevin Ziegler
in memory of Bonnie, Zigmund, and Nellie.

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.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Selling/donating used church equipment	Steve Panning	Autumn
Paint shed gables; wash windows	Steve Panning	Autumn
Coffee hosts	Karen Moeller	Sign up downstairs
Salty Carmel hosts	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex

BIBLE MILESTONE

Faith Formation Presentation Schedule

WHEN

Reformation Sunday in worship

WHAT



We will help our parents fulfill their baptism promise to their children as they present age-specific bibles to kids in grades PreK – 3.

Parents present bible and bookmark or other Bible study tools to their children. All children receive souvenirs of the day. Bibles are presented according to this development calendar.



PRE-READERS – **GRADE 2 & YOUNGER**

Spark Story Bible
ISBN 978-0-8066-7049 2

Children in grade 2 or younger receive the Spark Story Bible with full-color illustrated stories on every page.



YOUNG READERS – **GRADE 3 & UP**

Deep Blue Bible CEB
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Children in grade 3 and up receive the Deep Blue Bible with full color illustrations and young readers vocabulary for children aged 7 - 12.



CONFIRMATION – OR **GRADE 7 & UP**

Here We Stand Lutheran Study Bible NRSV
ISBN 978-0-8066-9846-5

-or-

Lutheran Study Bible NRSV
ISBN 978-0-8066-8060-6

(Biblical content is identical)

For confirmation students, youth and adult bible study.

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 or to join.

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