

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Stewardship season

November 10, 2024 + 9:30 am

A widow's generosity

Learn Live and Share God's Word

In the temple of Christ, the poor are honored guests

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

GATHERING MUSIC

"When The Saints Go Marching In"

arr. C. Marohnic

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge and our delight, our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin before one another and in the presence of

the one who loves us and has freed us from sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.

Unbind us and set us free;

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth;

Renew us in the servant way of Jesus;

that we may live just and generous lives

for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors.

Amen.

P Christ bore our sin once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers our sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(hymn) **ELW 583**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

stanzas 1 - 3

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**

**2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;**

**take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. Refrain**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adapted

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 851**

“When in our Music God is Glorified”

stanzas 1, 3

**1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue:
Alleluia!**

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GATHERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by
reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace,
strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world

to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying,

⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath.

When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks;

he called to her and said,

"Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said,

"Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

¹² But she said,

"As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug;

I am now gathering a couple of sticks,
so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son,
that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said;
but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me,
and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel:
The jar of meal will not be emptied
and the jug of oil will not fail
until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”

¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said,
so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail,
according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146 ICEL

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (146:7)

A Praise the Lord, my heart! My whole life, give praise.

C Let me sing to God as long as I live.

A Never depend on rulers: born of earth, they cannot save.

C They die, they turn to dust. That day, their plans crumble.

A They are wise who depend on God,

**C who look to Jacob's Lord, creator of heaven and earth,
maker of the teeming sea.**

A The Lord keeps faith forever,

**C giving food to the hungry, justice to the poor,
freedom to the captives.**

A The Lord opens the eyes and straightens the bent,
C **comforting widows and orphans, protecting the stranger.**

A The Lord loves the just
C **but blocks the path of the wicked.**

A Zion, praise the Lord! Your God reigns forever,
C **from generation to generation. Hallelujah!**

A Hallelujah!
**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

The once for all sacrifice of Christ

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW hymn #172

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing two time through:

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

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44 *A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 692

"We Are an Offering"

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
We are an offering.**

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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

Veterans Day prayer *is included this weekend*

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

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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.

"Day By Day"

arr. R. Leaf

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C Merciful God,

**as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,
now and forever. 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 pray....

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.

O God, you feed us with one bread and sustain us with one hope. By your love make our faith strong, that with all your saints we may become one body, one spirit in Christ, and rise to eternal glory with him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

C Amen.

SENDING

We are sent to be God's hands in the world

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 HYMN

(hymn) ELW 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

arr. F. Frahm

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INQUIRERS SUNDAY

A monthly opportunity to have coffee conversation with Pastor C for faith questions or to discuss life in the Mt Carmel community. Friends and those considering joining Mt Carmel are especially invited.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

Cheryl Sundly, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Anna Matthes, Dave Larson, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Justin Fischer, *ushers*

Doug Jacobsen, *bus ministry*

Nancy and Jim Felicetta, *coffee hosts*

Dylan Evans, Janell Wampler, Barb Hollister, *salty Carmel hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Bob and Barb Hollister in memory of Kim.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Wash windows	Steve Panning	autumn
Clean fireside kitchen	Steve Panning	autumn
Christmas program coordinators	Ruth Bills	Event is Sunday, December 22
Advent Journey all-congregation event	Seeking a co-leader	Event is Sunday, December 1

Stewardship Season

As the harvest is gathered home,
and we surround Thanksgiving tables;
as the year comes to a close
and the earth goes to sleep
for the long winter;
we find ourselves

with GLAD
and GENEROUS
hearts

You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
For the ministry of this service
is not only supplying the needs of the saints
but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11-12

Please prayerfully consider reflecting God's generosity and love for us by sharing the unique gifts that you and your household have received from God. Expect a mailing with more information and a pledge form. Adult forum discussions on generosity and stewardship are planned for November 10 & 17. Pledges will be received and blessed on faith commitment Sunday, Nov. 24.

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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