

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

*Processional offering
of gifts & faith promises*

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The Reign of Christ

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Christ anoints us heirs to serve the little ones

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

GATHERING MUSIC

"All Creatures Worship God Most High"

arr. J.S. Cool

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and today you shower us again with the water of life.

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

Here local bodies of water may be named.

P Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

(hymn) ELW 855

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

stanzas 1 - 3

(remaining stanzas will be sung as the sending hymn)

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

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

GATHERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

The one coming with the clouds rules over all Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 93 ICEL

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (93:3)

A Lord, you reign with glory, draped in splendor,
girt with power.

**C The world stands firm, not to be shaken,
for your throne, ageless God, has stood from old.**

A Onward roll the waves, O God,
onward like thunder, onward like fury.

**C Thundering above the waters, high above ocean breakers,
you, God, rise with might.**

A Your decrees stand unshaken;
the beauty of holiness fills your house for ever, Lord.

**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

Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 times through:

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

GOSPEL

The reign of Christ

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn) ELW 434
stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5*

"Jesus Shall Reign"

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;**

his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

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.**

BLESSING OF ENTREPRENEURS & COMMERCE WORKERS

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

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.

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING OF GIFTS & FAITH PROMISES

We offer our gifts and pledges today in a processional offering today. You are invited forward (like at Communion) to place your gifts and faith promises in a large basket. Ushers will bring an offering plate to you if your mobility is limited. Annual commitment cards are in the pew backs. Weekly offerings may be brought forward as well. You may use the envelope or a commitment card from the pew if you have already recorded your intentions. Children are invited to participate as well.

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. During this time, the table is set. Following the choir offering of music, please stand at the invitation of the leaders. Thank you for your generosity.

finally, an offering by the choir:

"Christians, We Have Come to Worship" *arr. J.M. Martin*

Offertory & Faith Commitments Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C God of plenty, all things belong to you.

**We bring these offerings to the table,
our offerings and our faith promises for the year to come.
Make these gifts and intentions signs of our love
for you and our care for our neighbor.**

**As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
are 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.

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

SENDING WORD *With glad and generous hearts* Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done... ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food *with glad and generous hearts*, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING at the conclusion of the 2024th year of our salvation

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 855

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

stanzas 4 & 5

**4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

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

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King”

Wesley/Fischer

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Dave Olson, *assisting minister*

Linda Jones, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Matti Gurney, Anna Matthes, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Justin Fischer, *ushers*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Worship & Music Team, *coffee hosts*

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

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by 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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

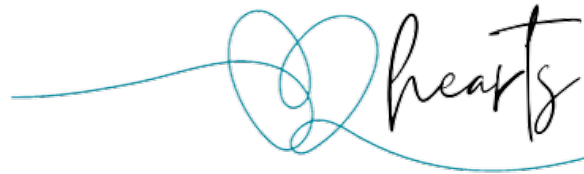
Contact the coordinator below if you can help to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Wash windows	Steve Panning	autumn
Christmas program coordinators	Ruth Bills	Event is Sunday, December 22
Advent Journey all-congregation event	Leona Olson Seeking a co-leader	Event Is Sunday, December 1
Office Coverage – Tuesday 12/17	Office	December

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



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. Members have received a mailing with more information and pledge materials. Adult forum discussions on generosity and stewardship are planned for November 10 & 17. Pledges will be received and blessed today or may be returned to the church office at any time



“We are an offering...”

Luther says three conversions are necessary: of our heart, our mind and finally our wallets/purse. The money we place in the offering plate is the symbol of our whole lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pick up a thanksgiving table grace for your Thanksgiving meal in the narthex. Happy thanksgiving from Pastor C and the church staff. (The church office is closed Thursday and Friday this week.)



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.



Digital giving is available at Mt. Carmel. You can easily donate online through our website at mountcarmelmpls.org and click on **Give**. Mt. Carmel Lutheran is supported by generous people like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-781-2796.



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