

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday

July 27, 2025 + 9:30 am

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Blessing of Bible camp youth

Come and see!! Go and tell!!

At the table, we receive Christ our daily bread

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"Lord Be Glorified"

B. Kilpatrick

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P As we gather together again on the Lord's Day, let us confess our sin. Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.

C I will confess my sin to the Lord.

I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

silence for reflection

A Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

C We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

P God forgives and heals us through the cross of Christ. God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven. Be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

(hymn) ELW 401

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

**1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.**

Refrain

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. Refrain**

- 3 Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. Refrain**
- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. Refrain**
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness; unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. Refrain**

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
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GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(hymn) ELW 731

“Earth and All Stars”

stanzas 1 & 4

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

REFRAIN

God has done marvelous things.

I too sing praises with a new song!

- 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
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GATHERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through 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.

FIRST READING

Abraham bargains with God

Genesis 18:20–32

According to Genesis 18:17-19 (and 12:3), Abraham is to play an important role in the divine plan: that “all the nations of the earth be blessed in him” (18:18). His role is to teach the justice of God, which condemns only the guilty and spares the innocent.

The LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the

wicked?" ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Your steadfast love endures forever;* Psalm 138 ICEL
 do not abandon the works of your hands. (138:8)

A I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
 you have heard the words of my mouth.
 In the presence of the angels I praise you.

C I bow down toward your holy temple.
I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
You have exalted your name over all.

- A On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.
- C All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
"How great is the glory of the LORD!"**
- A The LORD is high, yet looks on the lowly,
and the haughty the LORD knows from afar.
- C You give me life, though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.**
- A With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.
- 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

Buried with Christ in baptism

Colossians 2:6–15

The letter to the Colossians warns about "the empty lure" of ideas that compromise the faith into which people are baptized. Through baptism, the church is rooted in Christ.

Paul writes to the church at Colossai:

As you ... have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits

of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Praise to Christ the Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 4, ELW p. 151

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

Luke 11:1–13

In Luke's gospel Jesus prays often and urges his disciples to do the same. Here, he teaches them to pray and encourages them to trust in God at all times.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) WOV 783

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Alleluia, Alleluia.**
- 3 We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God,**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Text: Mt. 6:33, 7:7, 4:4; adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948 © 1973 Maranatha! Music

MAORI AFFIRMATION 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 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.

"The Prayer/Lead Us Lord"

Bayer-Sager/Foster

Michael & Ruth

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

**C Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. 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 ... 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:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

C Our Father who art 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.

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

C Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING OF BIBLE CAMP YOUTH

BENEDICTION

P Be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Christ,
and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

(hymn) ELW 543

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

A Go now to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

V. Shields

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*
Jo Alice Boatright, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Michael Kohout, *summer music*

Myrna Flatland, Anna Matthes, *technology desk*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Rick Sundly, Rich Feist, *ushers*
Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*
Benedict Family, *coffee hosts*
July Salty Carmel team *greeters & hosts*

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

*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.
If you wish to sponsor the webcast 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.*

SPONSOR FLOWERS AND THE WEBCAST

New sign-up sheets have been posted in the narthex for sponsoring chancel flowers or the webcast for worship. As a reminder, you are welcome to provide your own summer flowers. Bring them to the sacristy in a vase before the prelude begins or leave them in the sacristy. If you bring your garden flowers or other arrangement, please let the office know 10 days in advance so we can cancel the florist standing order delivery.

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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