

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer & anointing for healing

Sunday, August 16, 2026 + 9:30 am

*Jesus heals the daughter
of a Canaanite woman*

Come and See! Go and Tell!

All Are Welcome! Mt Carmel at 100 – Past Present Promise 1926 - 2026

Let us trust Christ our nurse who heals the sick

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

GATHERING SONG

(hymn) ACS 1038

"God, We Gather as Your People"

- 1 God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.**

**2 Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest. Refrain**

**3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew. Refrain**

**4 God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature,
may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand. Refrain**

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GATHERING DIALOG

A Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

A Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**A O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**C Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,
who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(hymn) ELW 689

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

stanzas 1 & 4

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those
who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love
the world with compassion and constancy, that your name
may be known throughout the earth, through 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

A house of prayer for all people

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community--not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant —

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67 ICEL

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (67:3).

A Favor and bless us, Lord.

**C Let your face shine on us,
revealing your way to all peoples,
salvation the world over.**

A The world will shout for joy,
for you rule the planet with justice.

**C In fairness you govern the nations
and guide the peoples of earth.**

A Let the nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

**C The land delivers its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.**

A O God, continue your blessing,
may the whole world worship you.

**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

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 3, ELW p. 142

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed Matthew 15: 21–28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus [left that place and] went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

REFRAIN

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain**

**2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain**

**3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain**

**4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain**

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MAORI AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Maori, New Zealand)*

**A Let us together proclaim the faith that we share
with Christians around the world ...**

**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.

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 plates as they are passed, at the usher desk or
give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering
procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.*

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C Blessed are you, God of all creation;

through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

**Receive and use our gifts and 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 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 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

setting 3, ELW p. 144

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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 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"

setting 3; ELW page 146

**C 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

**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) ACS 1062

“Build a Longer Table”

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.
- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
- 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
- 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

A Go now to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Healing prayers today

Prayer & anointing for healing are offered this morning; and on a monthly basis. You are invited to come forward following the postlude today for a prayer and blessing for healing with Pastor C.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Linda Jones, *assisting minister*

Tiffany Ruser, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Oliver Hall, *summer music*

Erika Ruser, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Rick Sundly, Rich Feist, *ushers*

Dave Larson, *bus ministry*

... *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God.

The webcast this week is sponsored by David & Lorna Halaas.

*If you wish to sponsor a webcast or 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
Childcare Board	Office	Open positions
Summer coffee hosts	Karen Moeller	Sign up downstairs
Used eyeglasses	Daves O. & S.	Donate at the office
Lawnmowing team	Office	Sign up for a week
Little Kitchen Food	Ellen Surbrook	Donate food, cash or time on our Saturday
More assisting ministers	Office	To deepen our bench
Porch pots/hydrangeas		
Webcast sponsors		

Luther says... part 5

More outrageous things Luther said

We need to hear the Gospel every day, because we forget it every day.

No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can affect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays but always comes.

The bible is a remarkable fountain:
the more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates thirst.

The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone... How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me;
it has hands, it lays hold of me.

*When Satan tells me I am a sinner he comforts me immeasurably,
since Christ died for sinners.*

A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing,
is worth nothing.

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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