

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 19, 2021
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day



GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Song

For All the Children



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Litany

And Jesus brought a child into their midst.

Who is the greatest in God's realm?

How I long to gather the children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Who is the greatest in God's realm?

As you have done to the least of these, so you have done it to me.

Who is the greatest in God's realm?

The first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Who is the greatest in God's realm?

Unless you become like a child, you shall not enter God's realm.

Who is the greatest in God's realm?

The wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the calf and lion together.

And a little child shall lead them.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

For they shall be called the children of God.

Let the children come to me and hinder them not.

For to such as these the realm of God belongs.


Invocation (Leader)

In the name of God the Cre-a - tor In the name of
Christ the Re-deem-er In the name of the Guid-ing Spir - it
Al - le-lu - ia A - men.


(Welcome Song begins with Leader; assembly repeats line)

Welcome Song

Leader: *Congregation:*




1. *Come, let us wor-ship God...* **Come, let us wor-ship God...**
2. *Food for the hun - gry...* **Food for the hun - gry...**
3. *Hope for the chil - dren...* **Hope for the chil - dren...**



Come, let us wor-ship God... **Come, let us wor-ship God...**
Food for the hun - gry... **Food for the hun - gry...**
Hope for the chil - dren... **Hope for the chil - dren...**



Wel - come ev - 'ry one... **Wel - come ev - 'ry one...**
Wel - come ev - ry one... **Wel - come ev - 'ry one...**
Wel - come ev - 'ry one... **Wel - come ev - 'ry one...**



To the love of God. **To the love of God...**
To the love of God. **To the love of God...**
To the love of God. **To the love of God...**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Time

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.
 And I did not know it was against me
 that they devised schemes, saying,
 "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
 let us cut him off from the land of the living,
 so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
 who try the heart and the mind,
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 54



O God, save me by your name;
 by your power, uphold my cause.
 O God, hear my prayer;
 listen to the words of my mouth. R.

For the proud have risen against me,
 ruthless foes seek my life.
 They have no regard for God.

(They have no regard for God). R.

But I have God for my help.
 The Lord upholds my life.
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
 and praise your name, O LORD, for it is
 good. R.

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Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

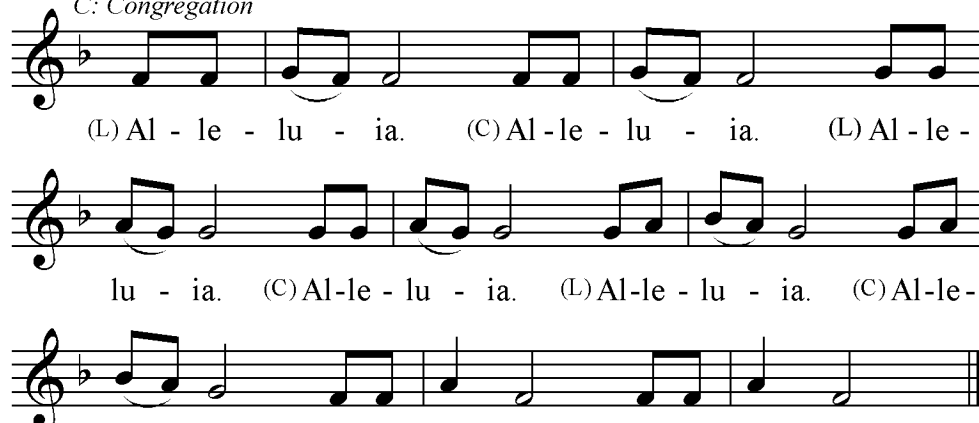
¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

L: Leader
C: Congregation



(L) Al - le - lu - ia. (C) Al - le - lu - ia. (L) Al - le -
lu - ia. (C) Al - le - lu - ia. (L) Al - le - lu - ia. (C) Al - le -
lu - ia. (L) Al - le - lu - ia. (C) Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Rev. Richard Rollefson

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

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 power of 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

Prayer requests: Sid & Beryl Bennett; Jeannie Ledford and family; Elsa Brody; Mike (Carlyn Hinds' brother)

Prayers for our church family: John & Ruth Rollefson; Richard & Cyndi Rollefson; Sandy Rowland

The Peace & Announcements

MEAL

Offertory

Come, Bring Them to the Table

Come, bring them to the ta - ble. Bring the
gifts of bread and wine; The hopes and
dreams of all the peo-ple The of - fring of our
lives the of - fring of our lives.

Prayer over the Gifts

O loving God,

We give thanks to you, for all the gifts you shower upon us. May we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions as symbols of what you have first given us. Receive them in the name of your child, Jesus, who gave himself that we might all be your children.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Communion Hymn

Now In This Banquet

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a first ending marked '1*' and a second ending marked '2'. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words on multiple lines. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Now in this ban - quet, Christ is our bread;
God of our jour - neys, day - break to night:
Advent: Lord, you can o - pen hearts that are stone;
Lent:

here shall all hun - gers be fed.
lead us to jus - tice and light.
live in our flesh and our bone.

Bread that is bro - ken, wine that is poured:
Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,
Lead us to won - der, mys - t'ry, and grace,

love is the sign of our Lord.
wis - dom to walk in your way.
one in your lov - ing em - brace.

**This refrain may be sung in canon; stanzas are sung by soloist or choir.*

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Music: NOW IN THIS BANQUET, Marty Haugen

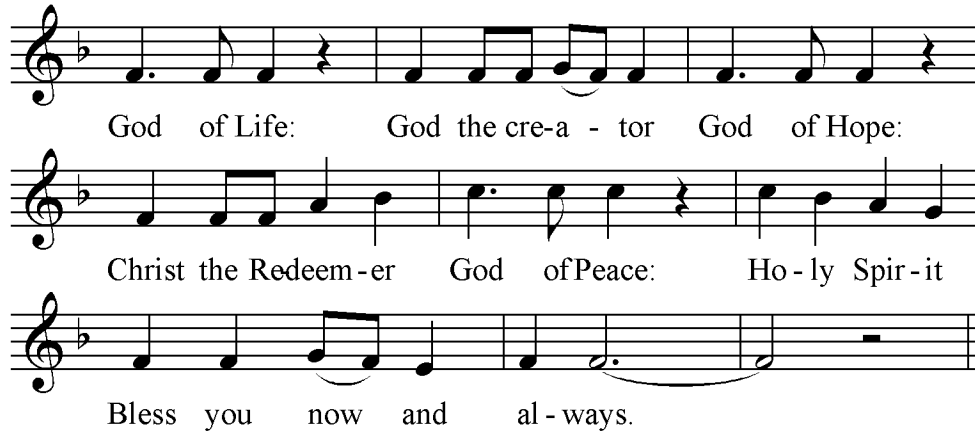
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Prayer after Communion

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

Benediction (*Leader sings first, then the whole assembly*)



God of Life: God the cre-a - tor God of Hope:
Christ the Redeem-er God of Peace: Ho - ly Spir - it
Bless you now and al - ways.

Sending Song

One Way, Jesus

I lay my life down at Your feet.
You're the only One I need.
I turn to You and You are always there.
In troubled times it's You I seek.
I put You first, that's all I need.
I humble all I am, all to you.

One way, Jesus.
You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus.
You're the only One that I could live for.

You are always, always there.
Every how and every where.
Your grace abounds so deeply within me.
You will never ever change.
Yesterday, today the same.
Forever 'til forever meets no end.

You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
We live by faith and not by sight for You.
We're living all for you.
You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
We live by faith and not by sight for You.
We're living all for you.

One way, Jesus.

You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus.
You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus.
You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus.
You're the only one that I could live for.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks to:

Lector: Janis Sexton

Greeter: Rebecca Keisler

Children's Time: Deanna Schultze

Coffee Server: Carol Harvey

Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson