# Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church



## GATHER

## Words of Welcome

#### Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.** 

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us: through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen. Beloved of God. by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Rise, Shine You People



#### 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.

## Kyrie



#### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Children's Time**

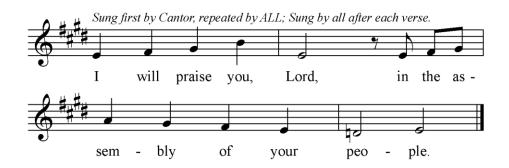
## WORD

#### First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it." so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there. Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 22



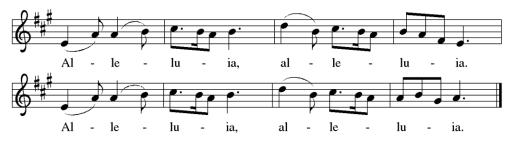
#### Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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## Alleluia Verse



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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#### Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

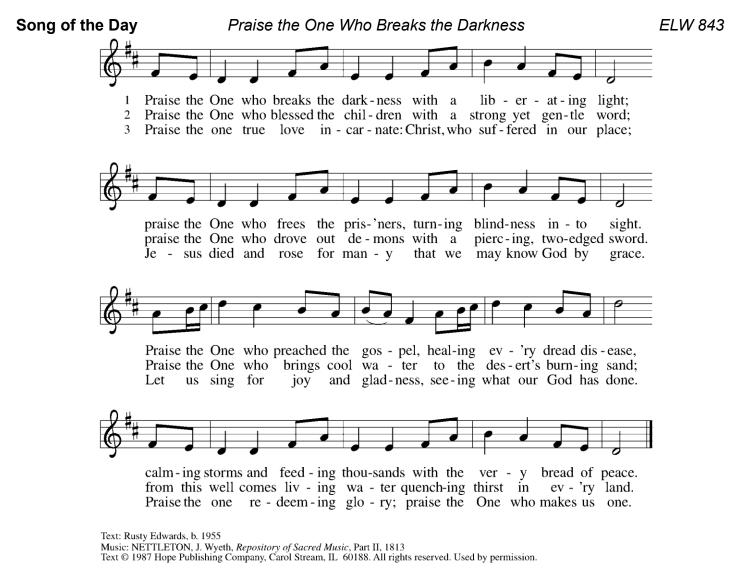
<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how

much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

**Rev. Don Dallman** 



#### Affirmation of Faith: The 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 Holy Sprit, 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; Elsa Brody; Ginger Wilson; Patrick & Amanda; Bev Humphry; Family of Jess Bathke; Warren Quist & Family

*Prayers for our church family:* Linda Schultze; Janis & John Sexton; Megan, Matt, Calvin & Fletcher Thomas

## The Peace & Announcements

## MEAL

#### Prayer over the Gifts

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** 

#### The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you **And also with you**.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.** 

Let us give thanks to 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 Songs

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of Life All who eat this Bread will never die I am God's love revealed I am broken that you might be healed

All who eat of this heavenly Bread All who drink this cup of the covenant You will live forever for I will raise you up

I am the Bread of Life All who eat this Bread will never die I am God's love revealed I am broken that you might be healed

No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again No one who believes shall ever thirst All that the Father draws shall come to Me And I will give them rest

I am the Bread of Life

All who eat this Bread will never die I am God's love revealed I am broken that you might be healed

**Prayer after Communion** 

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## SENDING

Sending Song

Healing is in Your Hands

No mountain no valley No gain or loss we know Could keep us from Your love No sickness no secret No chain is strong enough To keep us from Your love To keep us from Your love

How high, how wide No matter where I am Healing is in Your hands How deep, how strong Now by Your grace I stand Healing is in Your hands

Our present our future Our past is in Your hands We're nurtured by Your faith We're nurtured by Your faith

How high, how wide No matter where I am Healing is in Your hands How deep, how strong Now by Your grace I stand Healing is in Your hands

In all things we know that We are more than conquerors You keep us by Your love In all things we know that We are more than conquerors You keep us by Your love You keep us by Your love

How high, how wide No matter where I am Healing is in Your hands. How deep, how deep is Your love. How strong, how strong is Your love Now by Your grace I stand Healing is in Your hands.

## Blessing

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.** 

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

## Thanks to:

Greeter: Deanna Schultze Usher: Lector: Communion Server: Deanna Schultze & Adrian Schultze Coffee Server: Carol Harvey Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson / Matt Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega / Janis Sexton