

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

*Be dressed
for action
and have your
lamps lit*

LUKE 12:35



Sunday, August 7, 2022

GATHER

Words of Welcome

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

***Have no fear little flock, have no fear little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom,
have no fear, little flock.***

***Have good cheer little flock, have good cheer little flock
for the father will keep you in his love forever,
have good cheer, little flock.***

***Praise the Lord high above, praise the Lord high above
for God stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you.
praise the Lord high above!***

***Thankful hearts raise to God, thankful hearts raise to God.
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you
Thankful hearts raise to God!***

Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Time

WORD

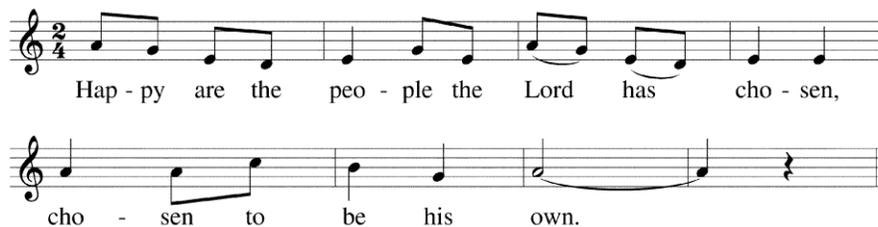
First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33



Verses

1. Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.
2. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.
3. Exult, you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous! How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!
4. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

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Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable

grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Alleluia Verse



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

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Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Richard Rollefson

Song of the Day

Where Your Treasure Is

Where your treas - ure is, there your
heart shall be. All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you
free. Seek the things that last; come and
learn from me. Where your
treas - ure is, your heart shall be.

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***What do you gain from all your worry,
What you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry.
Do you not know that you are held within God's care?***

Refrain

***Look at the ravens high above you.
They do not work their whole life through.
And yet God feeds them and protects them.
So how much more will God protect and care for you?***

Refrain

***Behold the lilies in their splendor.
In grace and beauty are they dressed,
And yet so soon their bloom is faded.
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?***

Refrain

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 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; Elsa Brody; Patrick & Amanda; Steve & JoAnn Bennett; Shelly Kelso; Dave Lonsway & Family

Prayers for our church family: Tony Bloodworth; Jennifer Bobell; Ty Bomba

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 Song

Draw Me Close/Breathe
***Draw me close to you.
Never let me go.
I lay it all down a-gain
to hear You say that I'm your friend.***
***You are my desire.
No one else will do.
'Cause nothing else could
take Your place.***
***To feel the warmth of Your embrace.
Help me find the way.
Bring me back to you.***
***You're all I want.
You're all I ever needed.***

*You're all I want.
Help me know You are near.*

*This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me*

*And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You
And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You*

*You're all I want.
You're all I ever needed.
You're all I want.
Help me know you are near.
You're all I want.
You're all I ever needed.
You're all I want.
Help me know you are near.
Help me know you are here.*

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

One Way

*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.***

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:

Usher:

Lector: Patti Frey

Communion Servers:

Coffee Server: Vicky Tway

Altar Guild: Pat Forrest

Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson / Matt
Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega / Janis Sexton / Carlyn Hinds