

# *Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church*

YOU  
CANNOT  
SERVE  
GOD AND  
WEALTH

LUKE 16:13



**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

# GATHER

## Gathering Song

### Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW 717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Invocation and Welcome Song (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)


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

### Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### Children's Time

## WORD

### First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
 and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

## Psalm 113



Verses

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord!  
 May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens God's glory.  
 Who is like the Lord, our God, the one enthroned on high,  
 who stoops from the heights to look down,  
 to look down upon heaven and earth?
3. From the dust God lifts up the lowly,  
 from the dungheap God raises the poor  
 to set them in the company of rulers, yes, with the rulers of the people.

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## Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 -  
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## Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-16

From the full - ness of God have we all re - ceived  
Grace up - on Grace, Peace up - on peace.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

From the full - ness of God have we all re-ceived  
 Grace up - on Grace, Peace up - on peace.

Sermon

Pastor Richard Rollefson

Song of the Day

*God of the Poor*

**Verse 1**

***Beauty for brokenness  
 Hope for despair  
 Lord in Your suff'ring world  
 This is our prayer  
 Bread for the children  
 Justice joy peace  
 Sunrise to sunset  
 Your kingdom increase***

**Verse 2**

***Shelter for fragile lives  
 Cures for their ills  
 Work for the craftsmen  
 Trade for their skills  
 Land for the dispossessed  
 Rights for the weak  
 Voices to plead the cause  
 Of those who can't speak***

**Chorus**

***God of the poor  
 Friend of the weak  
 Give us compassion we pray  
 Melt our cold hearts  
 Let tears fall like rain  
 Come change our love  
 From a spark to a flame***

**Verse 3**

***Rest for the ravaged earth  
 Oceans and streams  
 Plundered and poisoned  
 Our future our dreams  
 Lord end our madness  
 Carelessness greed  
 Make us content with  
 The things that we need***

**Verse 4**

***Lighten our darkness***

**Breathe on this flame  
Until Your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of Your ways  
Seek Your salvation  
And bring You their praise  
Repeat Chorus 2X**

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### **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; Dave Lonsway & Family; Matthew Moersdorf; Ed Dresp; Family of Vern Smith

*Prayers for our church family:* Ed & Maureen Dresp; Mike, Marina and Belen Dresp; Pat Forrest

### **The Peace & Announcements Iglesia Santa Cruz Presentation**

## **MEAL**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God our provider,

**we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.**

**Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives.**

**Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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**

*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**

O God,

in this holy communion

you have welcomed us into your presence,

nourished us with words of mercy,

and fed us at your table.

Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,

serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,

and honor the earth you have made;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# SENDING

## Benediction

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

*Let Justice Roll Like a River*

### Refrain

***Let justice roll like a river,  
and wash all oppression away.  
Come, O God, and take us,  
move and shake us;  
come now, and make us anew,  
that we might live justly like you.***

***1. "Take from me your holy feasts,  
all your off'rings and your music.  
Let justice flow like waters,  
and integrity like an everflowing stream." Refrain***

***2. How long shall we wait, O God,  
for the day of your mercy to dawn,  
the day we beat our swords into plows,  
when your peace reigns over the earth? Refrain***

***3. "Even now, return to me,  
let your hearts be broken and humble,  
for I am gracious, gen'rous and kind."  
Come and seek the mercies of God. Refrain***

***4. You have been told the way of life,  
the way of justice and peace:  
to act justly, to love gently,  
to walk humbly with God. Refrain***

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Thanks to:

Greeters: Marc & Patti Frey

Usher:

Lector: Carlyn Hinds

Communion Servers: Deanna Schultze & Adrian Schultze

Coffee Server: Carol Harvey, Marc & Patti Frey

Altar Guild: Jeanie Schultz

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Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega / Janis Sexton / Carlyn Hinds