

# *Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church*

**October 9, 2022**



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

# GATHER

We gather in the image of the Creator  
**who is a community of love.**

We gather in the name of the Redeemer  
**who reconciles all of creation.**

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver  
**who inspires new life and renews it.**

## Gathering Hymn

## *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## Confession and Forgiveness

We praise you God, for the Earth that sustains life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give all creatures our food in the proper time. In your Wisdom you gave a Sabbath for the land to rest. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demand for growth, and an endless cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. Humans and animals are forced to flee in search of security. We have not allowed the land to observe a Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to renew. And so we confess. God of mercy and justice,

You assure us that we can be filled from the yield of the land.

**We confess our lack of trust that we can thrive within the Earth's limits.**

You affirm that our security is found in enough.

**We confess our lack of courage to resist the myth of endless growth.**

You tell us that the land is Yours, and everything in it.

**We confess to thinking of creation as given, instead of a gift.** [L]  
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You call us to leave enough fruit on the vine and in the fields to feed our neighbors, animals, and replenish the Earth.

**We confess our failure to share what we receive from the Earth.**

You call us to fairness and justice.

**We confess our lack of faith, not loving you with our whole heart and strength and mind, or our human and non-human neighbors as ourselves.**

Turn us from fear and mistrust,

**and free us to imagine a life reconciled to the Earth and all creatures, through the Good News of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26–27). **Amen.**

*(adapted from the Lutheran World Federation)*

## **Greeting**

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

**Amen.**

## **Song of Praise**

### *God of Wonders*

Lord of all creation,  
of water, earth and sky,  
the heavens are your tabernacle,  
Glory to the God on high.

*Refrain:* God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty  
You are holy, holy,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning,  
I will celebrate the light,  
When I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call your name by night. Refrain

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## WORD

### First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a-c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

### Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with <sup>l</sup> my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>l</sup> congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor <sup>l</sup> mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,**

**because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

### **Alleluia Verse**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### **Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**      **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He

prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Marj Funk-Pihl**

**Song of the Day**

*Healing is in Your Hands*

**Affirmation of Faith**

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

**In God we are breathing, in God we are living, in God we share the life of all creation.**

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In him God is breathing, in him God is living, through him we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living, the breath of God always moves us.**

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

**In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayer requests:* Sid & Beryl Bennett; Elsa Brody; Steve & JoAnn Bennett; Dave Lonsway & Family; Matthew Moersdorf; Ed Dresp

*Prayers for our church family:* Sharon Haupt; Susan Hay; Carlyn & Lily Hinds

**The Peace & Announcements**

## **MEAL**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.**

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,**

**nourish us with this rich food and drink,**

**and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,**

**through the bread of life, 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**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

### **Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.**  
**Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Sending Song**

*Forever*

### **Benediction**

Mothering God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Thanks to:**

Greeter:

Usher: Bob & Carol Grosse

Lector: Jenice Twomey

Communion Servers: Karen Petersen; Jenice Twomey

Coffee Server: Karen Petersen

Altar Guild: Maureen Dresp

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