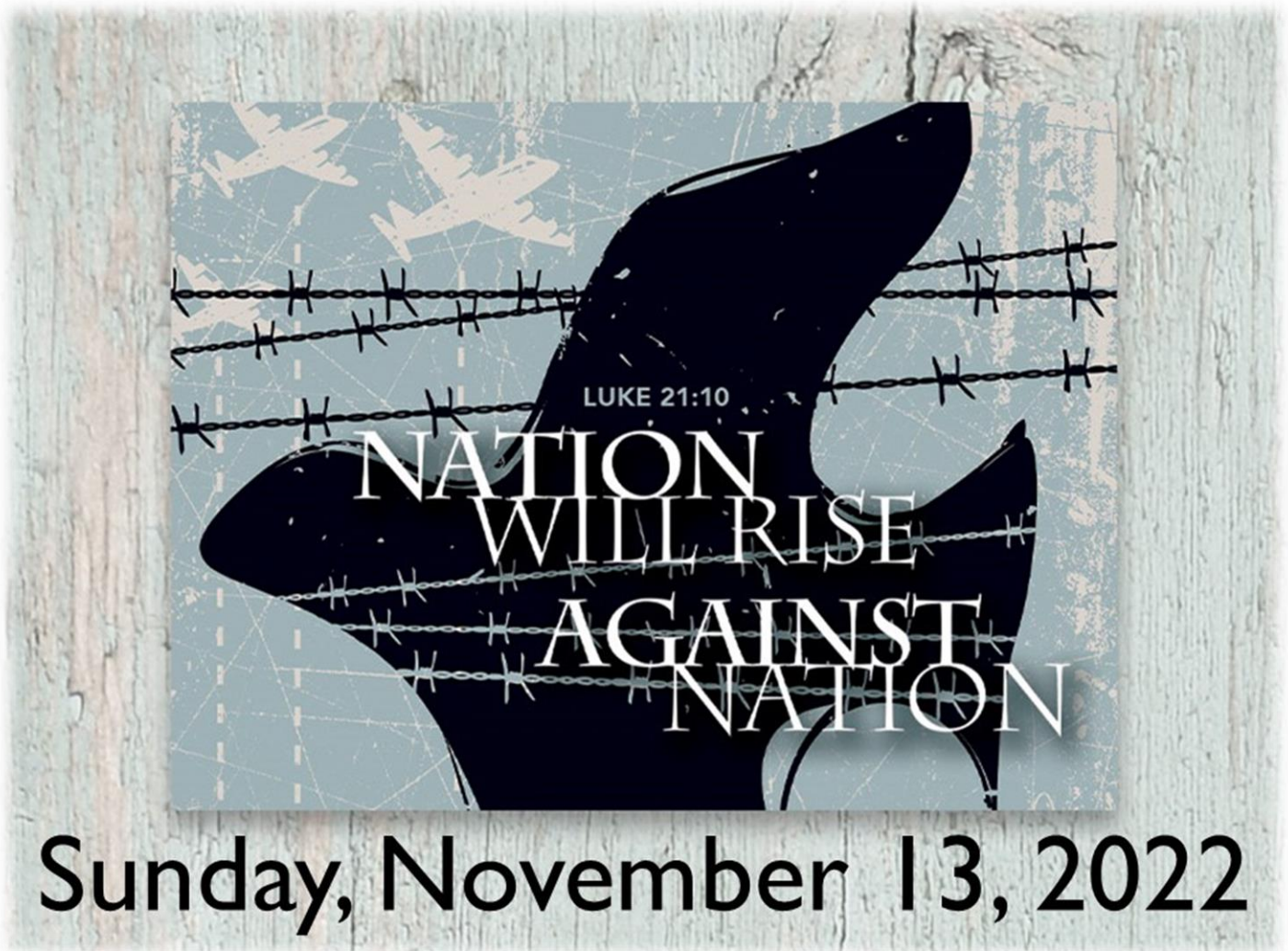


Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church



GATHER

Words of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
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.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Lord of Hopefulness

ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Children's Time

WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the Lord^l with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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Alleluia Verse

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Glory to you, O Lord

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Richard Rollefson

Song of the Day

I Will Not Be Afraid

**When I can't see You, I know You're here
When I can't feel You, I will not fear
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid
And when the battle is close at hand
I know You're with me to help me stand
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.**

**I will not, (echo) be afraid (echo)
I will not, (echo) be afraid (echo)
I will trust in You (echo),**

I will trust in You.

**And when the darkness is closing in,
And I am running against the wind
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.
Cause when I'm standing upon that shore
And all the battles they have gone before
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.**

**I will not, (echo) be afraid (echo)
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I will trust in You (echo),
I will trust in You.
I will trust in You (echo),
I will trust in You.**

Forever

**Give thanks to the lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise**

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever**

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And By the grace of God we will carry on
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Forever**

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God

Author of all life,

**whose providence rules the universe
and whose compassion reaches out to all creation.**

We believe in Jesus, God's Christ.

**He willingly passed through the portal of death
to witness to the unending love of God,
and to redeem our lives from fear and death.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the indwelling presence of God,
whose gifts are wisdom, peace and hope.**

**We give thanks for the communion of Saints,
the great host of witnesses who have gone before us.**

And we look forward to life together in God's eternal kingdom.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer requests: Sid & Beryl Bennett; Elsa Brody; Steve & JoAnn Bennett; Dave Lonsway & Family; Matthew Moersdorf; Ed Dresp; Jeanie Ledford; Janis Sexton

Prayers for our church family: Jerry & Judith Kirkhart; Jeannie Ledford; Suzanne Leedale & Dante Nelson

The Peace & Announcements

MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.**

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

Hungry

**Hungry I come to You for I
know You satisfy
I am empty, but I know Your
love does not run dry.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.**

**I'm falling on my knees,
Offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this
Heart is living for**

**Broken, I run to You for Your
Arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know Your
Touch restores my life.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.**

**I'm falling on my knees,
Offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this
Heart is living for**

**I'm falling on my knees,
Offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this
Heart is living for
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
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Prayer after Communion

**God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Song

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Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks to:

Greeter:

Usher: Carol & Bob Grosse

Lector: John Cook

Communion Servers: John Cook; Karen Petersen

Coffee Server: Karen Petersen

Altar Guild: Jeanie Schultz; Dorothy McCoid

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