



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of September 26, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BEGIN OCT. 10

Sunday school at Mt. Carmel will begin on Sunday, Oct. 10. Sunday school will follow worship, running from 10:30-11:15 a.m. (When we resume coffee hour, Sunday school will begin at 10:45 a.m.) We will have two class groups and masks are required. Preschool will be led by Brian and Jodi Wirth while K-5th grade will be led by Trina Benedict. Thank you to our amazing volunteers.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH

With the rise of the Delta variant of COVID, Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and youth (6th-12th grade) will not meet in September. In the meantime, Pastor Christine and Jenni Lathrop have begun discussion around what confirmation at Mt. Carmel could look like and will be working to define our program goals while considering what our dream program might look like. If you have questions, please contact Jenni Lathrop. Protocols

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The mini-bus is revved up and ready to take you to church! Call the church office (612-781-2796) by noon Friday to let us know you want a ride.

COVID INFORMATION

With the rise of COVID infections due to the Delta variant, and the latest CDC announcement, Mt. Carmel's worship and building protocols are changing: masks will again be required for everyone in the building, including for worship, meetings and groups. We continue to ask that everyone distance from each other when in the building. Please get tested if you believe you have been exposed to COVID and stay home and self-isolate if you have been infected or think you may have been infected.

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure everyone's safety.

DEVOTION BOOKLETS

Devotion booklets for October – December are available in the literature rack in the narthex.

PRAYER CHAIN

To lift up a prayer concern on the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.

FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER

- Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at Silverwood Park (Contact Leona Olson, onondave@yahoo.com)
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. (Contact Ralph Matthes, marinosdelimpls@gmail.com)
- Racial Justice Book Study Group – Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Marilyn (Janell Wampler's sister) recovering from femur surgery and multiple infections
- Richard Bradley (Janell Wampler's father), recovering from ankle replacement surgery
- Joe Prondzinski: pain relief and healing (Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law)
- Kathy Halverson, recovering from surgery
- Ryan, friend of Greta Kutzer, struggling with MS
- Glenn, Brian Wirth's brother struggling with pain following back surgery
- John Salveson, friend of Janell Wampler, and former Mt. Carmel music director, battling cancer.

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office. If you would like the pastor to be aware of your prayer concerns but do not want them named publicly, please be sure to note that. Let the office know of any updates or changes.

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Marion Harris, Gerry Johnson, Carol Kwiecien, Jennie Porter, Virginia Schaal and Dorothy Warhol

EVERY MEAL FUNDRAISER

Mt. Carmel has committed to giving \$3,500 to Every Meal (formerly the Sheridan Story) in 2021. Thanks to your donations, we have raised \$3,152 so far. We have \$348 to raise. Mt Carmel will match all donations to Every Meal out of our designated Faith and Action Fund. Please consider helping Mt Carmel meet our commitment and DOUBLE your donation.

"Faith and Action Fund" was created in 2020 out of funds from the Carl Johnson estate to benefit others. Refrigerator magnets at a suggested donation of \$5 are still available on the table in the narthex after each Sunday's service.

MAINTAINANCE HELP NEEDED IN OCTOBER

Our building engineer will be away for three weeks in October and we need maintenance assistance during that time. Steve will train the person what needs to be done. Tasks include general building cleaning and preparing Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary for Sunday mornings or funerals. Contact the office if you are able to assist.

REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org/give for online giving opportunities.
- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.

Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 – Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

ELW 675 (vs. 1 choir, 3-5 all)

- 1 O Christ, our light, O Radiance true,
shine forth on those estranged from you,
and bring them to your home again,
where their delight shall never end.**
- 3 Lord, open all reluctant ears
and take away the needless fears
of those who tremble to express
the faith their inmost hearts confess.**
- 4 Lord, let your mercy's gentle ray
shine down on others strayed away.
To those in conscience wounded sore
show heaven's waiting, open door.**
- 5 Make theirs with ours a single voice
uplifted, ever to rejoice
with wond'ring gratitude and praise
to you, O Lord, for boundless grace.**

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are Holy

**You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,**

**raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

L: The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able

soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Christine Wenzel

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**
- 2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless and sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, assisting ministers, altar guild, drivers and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the leaders of all nations. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease, especially.... Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known, and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY

Choir "Beautiful Savior"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert, and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those who are doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the distribution words below, As you do the words for distribution, you can hold up the appropriate element – the bread and the goblet or cup - if you wish (but it's not necessary).

L: This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us Pray: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

FINAL BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551 (vs. 1,3,4)

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

**4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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