



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of October 10, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP BEGINS TODAY

Welcome back kids! Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) and youth group (6th to 12th grade) at Mt. Carmel will begin today. Both will follow worship, running from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Masks are required.

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

Masks are required in the building for worship and meetings. We continue to ask that everyone distance from each other.

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.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Due to unexpected technical issues, Mt. Carmel's website needs to be redesigned. While we have a temporary page up for visitors, it will be a few weeks before our complete website (and all of its links and documents) will be back. If you have questions or need something sent to you, please contact the church office at office@mountcarmelmpls.org or 612-781-2796. We appreciate your patience.

A CHANGE IN PRAYER REQUESTS DURING WORSHIP

Please pick up a prayer card when you take a bulletin. Fill out the cards with prayer requests as you prepare for worship. An usher will collect the cards during the gathering hymn. We will include your joys and concerns in our prayers.

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, 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



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PRAYER CHAIN

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

FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER

- 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, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

SUPPORT THE SCOUTS

Mt. Carmel Scouts BSA Troop 132 is selling wreaths, swag, garland and more! Proceeds fund operating and camping over the course of the year. Please return your completed order form to the office by October 31. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org if you prefer to order online or pick up an order form in the narthex.

Ordered wreaths will be available at the church on Sunday, November 21. We will follow up with those unable to pick up that day. Contact Jim Evans at 612-208-0104 or jamesevans64@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you!

STAYING UP-TO-DATE

Stay up to date with Mt. Carmel and our community.

To subscribe to The Candle or have your name added to our postal mailing list, contact the church office at 612-781-2796, ext. 101 or office@mountcarmelmpls.org.

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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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

- 1** Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2** We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3** Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4** Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

L: Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore, the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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 10: 17-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

P: As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’”

He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Christine Wenzel

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

**1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

- 2** Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days,
- 3** Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4** Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings in ministry. You bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Bring healing to all who are sick, especially.....Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us all confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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

“Seek Ye First”

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669 (vs. 1,3,5)

**1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.**

**3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.**

**5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!**

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Gather Us In

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God of Grace, and God of glory

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