



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of October 31, 2021

THE FOUNDATION'S LEGACY PARTNERS ANNUAL BRUNCH

Following worship today

Join members of the Foundation for one of their famous caramel rolls and coffee after worship and learn what it means to become a Legacy Partner.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex by the elevator. The cost of one bouquet is \$27. You may pick up the flowers following the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) and youth group will follow worship, running from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Masks are required.

AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Volunteers needed: We still need 7-8 people who will be working directly with the Afghan refugee family. This would include such activities as tutoring English, assisting with understanding their mail, transporting to some appointments and teaching them how to use public transportation. Most of these time commitments would be during their first six months from their arrival and then gradually taper off. If you are interested, please, contact Dave Olson at 651-528-7459.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

O Come Let Us Adore Him. by Marie Pooler

What: a Christmas story for Children and adult Choirs, speech choir, narrator.

When: December 19 during the worship service.

Who: children, teens and adults who are vaccinated for the COVID virus and would like to participate in a short Christmas story with mostly familiar music.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Bills (ruthabills@gmail.com). Or the church office.

LAST CHANCE TODAY OCTOBER 31

- The **Transition Team** is looking for your input. Please fill out the Google Form online by October 31. You can also find the link in the Candle. Paper copies are available in the Narthex.
- Support the Scouts by ordering a wreath, swag, garland and more. Complete an order form which can be found in the narthex or visit mountcarmelmpls.org if you prefer to order online.

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.

CHILDCARE FUNDRAISER

The childcare is selling butter braids and caramel rolls to raise funds to support the center. Order [online](#) or grab an order form outside the church office. Orders are due by November 8. Thank you!



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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

- Dave Johnson recovering from surgery
- Aidan (Brenda Wetzel's nephew) awaiting a bone marrow transplant, and for his father Collin who is overwhelmed with worry
- Nancy (Matt Nordeen's mother) suffering from an unknown illness
- Marilyn (Janell Wampler's sister) recovering from femur surgery and multiple infections
- 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

FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER

- 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, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

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@mountcarmelimpls.org or 612-781-2796. We appreciate your patience.

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.



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Reformation Sunday

October 31, 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504 (vs. 1 all, vs. 2 choir, vs. 3-4 all)

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 (Choir)**
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

ELW 509

**God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.**

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

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

P: Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Christine Wenzel

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

ELW 517

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

Prayers of the People

L: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, and youth groups. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit, especially..... Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of healing and renewal, that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

“Amazing Grace ”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: 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 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 Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729 (vs. 1-3, 5)

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.**
- 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

A special thank you to Dan Kuch for playing the trumpet in worship.

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