



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the Week of November 21, 2021**

### SCOUT WREATH PICKUP TODAY!

People that ordered Wreaths from the Boy Scouts through the Church order forms can pick them up at church after the online service TODAY, November 21, between 11:00am and noon on the St Anthony Parkway side.

Those that aren't able to pick them up today will be contacted to make other arrangements. Or they may contact Jim Evans at home landline 612-208-0104 or [jamesevans64@comcast.net](mailto:jamesevans64@comcast.net).

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and youth group will resume on December 5.

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Do you know a family who could benefit from support for Thanksgiving? Let the office know and we will include them in our basket outreach. Please contribute to this ministry with a special offering. We will use the funds to purchase Cub gift cards for each family. Thank you!

### 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.

### 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](mailto:ruthabills@gmail.com)) or the church office.

### ADVENT WREATH KITS AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY

Next week, take home an Advent study guide and a kit to make your own Advent wreath!

### GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Help a family break the cycle of poverty – for good! During Advent you can support a family by purchasing an animal – figuratively. Choose an ornament from the tree in the narthex. Pick up an envelope for this special offering and place it in the plate along with cash/check or send it to the office. The ornament is yours to keep! All gifts collected through December 21 will be forwarded to our partner ELCA Good Gifts.

### FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER

- Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at Silverwood Park (Contact Leona Olson, [onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com))
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. (Contact Ralph Matthes, [marinosdelimpls@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bjhollister@comcast.net))



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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, who will receive a bone marrow transplant soon!
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, recovering from femur surgery and multiple infections
- Joe Prondzinski, Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law, for pain relief and healing
- 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

## 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.

## AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

We are pleased to announce that we have met both our financial commitment to sponsor an Afghan refugee family and recruited the desired number of core group volunteers who will be working directly with this family. A special word of thanks to all who have contributed financially and/or committed their gift of time to this outreach ministry. Over the next couple weeks this core group of volunteers will be receiving some training from the staff at Lutheran Social Services (LSS). After this training has been completed, we will be eligible to be matched with a refugee family. Watch for additional ways which the broader congregation may be able to help with this effort in the near future.



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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY  
**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Christina Becket

## WELCOME

## GREETING, AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY

## SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Anne Krentz Organ

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr.  
William Williams and Peter Williams,  
1722-1796, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Loving God, come to us now in our gathering across the Minneapolis Area Synod across geography and through technology united ultimately by your Spirit. Still our distracted minds, our tired hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of the Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world, for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and sovereign of the rulers of the earth.

To Christ – who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins by the shedding of blood, and who has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Creator – to Jesus be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look! Christ is coming on the clouds;  
for every eye to see,  
even those who pierced Jesus;  
and all the peoples of the earth  
will mourn over Christ.  
So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

## ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

## GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

## SERMON

### SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

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| 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.<br>Longing for truth, we turn to you.<br>Make us your own, your holy people,<br>light for the world to see. | 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.<br>Longing for hope, many despair.<br>Your word alone has pow'r to save us.<br>Make us your living voice. <b>Refrain</b> |
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### **Refrain**

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We, the congregations and worshipping communities of the Minneapolis Area Synod, are members of the Lutheran World Federation. We share in the core convictions of our Lutheran identity. Therefore, we believe:

**We are called to proclaim the good news of Christ's life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection; and through Christ, we are saved by grace.**

**We live our life together in communion with the church centered in our worship of the Triune God experienced in Word and Sacrament.**

**We are freed by Christ to love and serve our neighbor and care for the whole of God's creation.**

**We confess in the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church and are resolved to promote Christian unity throughout the world and further our united witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation

God is here. Even though the earth changes, the waters rage, and empires falter, God is here. Through Christ Jesus and by the power of the Spirit, God's reign of divine love is bringing hope and peace for us all.

### *Sung response*

Though the Earth Shall Change

ACS 1035

Though the earth shall change,  
though the mountains tremble,  
though the waters rage,  
you, God, are here.  
Though the nations war,  
though the peoples battle,  
though the empire falters,  
we will not fear.

O God, in Christ you reveal the inbreaking of your heavenly will-be-done on this earth. And we need your reign to come! For trespasses are committed, divisions form, and animosities fester.

We encounter the reality of our broken and hurting world in the climate crisis, through evils of racism, and by way of inequitable distribution of wealth and resources. By the movement of your reconciling Spirit, bless your people with the courage to reach past old wounds and persistent fears. Heal our hearts and center us in the call to care for your creation.

Move your church, stir elected officials, strengthen our resolve, and empower us to work out our baptismal callings to share your creative and redeeming word with this world you so dearly love. We lift our prayers to you.

***Sung response***

O God, in the promise of Christ Jesus, you are ever-present with us. We celebrate our shared work with the Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria. Continue to uphold Archbishop Musa Filibus as he endeavors to guide your church including the creation of the Lutheran University Nigeria. We pray for leaders of congregations and communities here and throughout the world, including bishops, deacons, pastors, youth leaders, cantors, church musicians, and all who nurture and equip the body of Christ.

Sustain your people in these pandemic days and tend to the weary souls among us. Bolster the spirits of healthcare workers, social workers, teachers, school administrators, and school boards, and all seeking to keep our communities safe and well. Equip us all for the challenges we face as people continue to suffer from disease and the heartache of loss. We boldly pray for the restoration of your people in need of physical, mental, and emotional healing. Grant us your salvation this day and in your coming reign. We lift our prayers to you.

***Sung response***

Into your hands, gracious God, we entrust all for whom we pray – spoken here or held close in our quiet hearts. Receive these prayers as you receive us, in the fullness of your divine mercy. Amen.



## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## WORD OF MISSION & OFFERING

Lutheran University Nigeria

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

May the Alpha and Omega, the mighty One who reigns in love, fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may be overflowing with hope through the steadfast and loving power of the Holy Spirit.

## SENDING SONG

Total Praise

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills  
Knowing my help is coming from You  
Your peace You give me in time of the storm  
You are the source of my strength You are the strength of my life  
I lift my hands in total praise to You  
You are the source of my strength You are the strength of my life  
I lift my hands in total praise to You  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

## POSTLUDE

## DISMISSAL

You can text "LUN" to 44-321.



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for the landmark Lutheran  
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## Special Thanks

Augsburg University, host site for the recording of this worship service

Dr. Paul Pribbenow, Augsburg University, President

Ms. Andrea Sorum, Augsburg University Campus Ministry Musician

Rev. Justin Lind-Ayres, former campus pastor at Augsburg University

### Worship Leaders:

Archbishop Musa Panti Filibus, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, preacher

Bishop Ann Svennungsen, Minneapolis Area Synod

Rev. Babette Chatman, Augsburg University, Director of Campus Ministries

Toby Reinsma, Augsburg University, student

### Musical Leadership:

Richnetta Parker (Augsburg, '22)

Rev. Dr. John Lee

Jen Bluhm

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Josh Conroy (Augsburg, '22)



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