



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of November 28, 2021

ADVENT WREATH KITS AVAILABLE TODAY

Take home an Advent study guide and a kit to make your own Advent wreath! Thank you to the Mt. Carmel Foundation for funding this ministry.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

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

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL STARTS SATURDAY

This year's Dec 19 Christmas program is called O Come Let Us Adore Him, by Marie Pooler. We'll rehearse for the next three Saturdays: Dec 4, 11, and 18 from 11:00-12:30. Meet downstairs in the music room. In addition to the Sanctuary Choir, Jubilate Bells Choir, and those who've volunteered for speaking parts, we invite any children who want to participate as well as any parents who are willing to help out. Contact Ruth Bills with questions (ruthabills@gmail.com). See you Saturday!

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 Salvesson, 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.



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AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

The core committee for Afghan Refugee Resettlement now has completed its training with Lutheran Social Service staff. Committee members are filling out necessary paperwork this week, and then they will be eligible to be matched with a refugee family. Watch for more details soon about how the broader congregation may be able to help furnish the apartment for this family. If you have questions, please contact Dave Olson at 651-528-7459, or call the church office.

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)

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 mountcarmelimpls.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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 21—Dave Johnson

Nov 27—Matti Gurney, Carol Panning

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.

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.

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.



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First Sunday in Advent

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Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and meal.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

ELW 247 (v. 1)

- 1** **Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

Light the first candle.

- L:** We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

- C:** **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257 (vs. 1-4)

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
[Refrain]**

**3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. [Refrain]**

**4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
[Refrain]**

GREETING

L: The light of our Lord Jesus Christ, the warmth of God, and the hope of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253 (v. 1)

**He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter:

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

P: [Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

- 1 **Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes!
Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share; go,
meet the bridegroom, who draws near.**

- 2 **Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:**

her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

L: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. God of promises kept and new dreams, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind, especially_____. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“The King of Glory”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

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: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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

L: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

SENDING

FINAL BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

**1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is near!

C: Thanks be to God!

Thank you to Paul Lathrop for providing the audio and video support for our worship services.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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