



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of January 2, 2022

ANNUAL MEETING

Mt. Carmel's annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30. We'll meet in the Sanctuary following the service.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

We will prepare a report ahead of the annual meeting. Group leaders, please submit reports to the office by Friday, Jan. 14.

BUDGET MEETING

The 2022 budget will be presented at a meeting on Jan. 16th. Meet in the sanctuary after the service.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Our gift to the ELCA Good Gifts ministry totaled \$2781.32. Those funds will purchase a 28 chicks, 23 goats, 10 honeybees, 7 piglets, 6 roosters, a cow and a fish farm! We will also purchase a water filter and a Bible, and pay for school supplies, fees, and a uniform. Thank you all for your generous support.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has been updated. Go to mountcarmelmpls.org to check it out! Thank you to Jenni Lathrop for the design work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

No Sunday School and Youth Group today. See you Jan. 9!

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Peggy, Jodi Wirth's friend, who is suffering from anxiety
- Aidan and his brother Adam, Brenda Wetzel's nephews, who have completed a successful bone marrow transplant and are recovering well!
- Carol Kwiecien, hospitalized after a fall
- Marlene Black, recovering from sacral fractures
- John, Maryjo Wiggen's cousin, hospitalized with covid and pneumonia
- Julie Craig, recovering in transitional care for rehab
- Brenda Wetzel and family, mourning the loss of both her Uncle Dell and her father John
- 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, fighting with cancer
- 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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 3 – Dave Olson
Jan. 4 – Roxanne Thorkelson
Jan. 5 – Steve Panning
Jan. 6 – Leo Pasterski
Jan. 7 – Steve Ristuben. Elsa Ruser
Jan. 8 – Adam Burrack

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.

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.

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.



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PRAYER CHAIN

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



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Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The light shines in the darkness,

C: And the darkness did not overcome it.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.,

C: And we have seen Christ's glory.

L: The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all the people.

GATHERING HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**
- 4 All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

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: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From Heaven Above

ELW 268 (verses 1,3, 12)

1 "From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry home!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing:"

3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your sad and bitter cry,
who will himself your Savior be and from all sin will set you free."

12 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
a quiet chamber in my heart, that you and I may never part.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter:

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

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

ELW 295 (verses 1, 3-5)

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**
- 3 This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.**
- 4 Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.**
- 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory
evermore and evermore! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. Equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Teach nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need especially..... Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory.

C: receive our prayer.

L: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Jubilate Bells

“Christmas Medley”

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.*

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: 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.

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

RECEIVE THE MEAL

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

FINAL BLESSING

L: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

L: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

L: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

L: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

ELW 267

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

From Heaven Above

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

TEXT: MARCUS AURELIUS CLEMENS PRUDENTIUS, 348-413; TR. COMPOSITE

Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748