



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the Week of December 5, 2021**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

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

### GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Our barnyard is growing! So far, your generous donations will provide families with 5 goats, 5 chicks, 3 pigs, 2 roosters and 1 colony of honey bees! If you'd like to add more animals to our barnyard, 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.

### TIME AND TALENT

2022 Activities Sign Up sheets went out in the November Tidings. Please fill out the form and place in the basket in the Narthex or drop in in the church mailbox.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL SATURDAY

This year's Dec 19 Christmas program is called O Come Let Us Adore Him, by Marie Pooler. We'll rehearse again on Saturday, Dec 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](mailto:ruthabills@gmail.com)). See you Saturday!

### THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Dave Johnson, recovering from surgery
- Dell, Brenda Wetzel's uncle, who is hospitalized after a seizure
- 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.

### AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

The Afghan family that we are supporting through Lutheran Social Service of MN is part of a program called Circle of Welcome. Thank you to Dave Olson for the tremendous effort that has gone into getting this project off the ground. We now have ten core volunteers and the initial funds needed for LSS to match us with a family. The core group of volunteers may be reaching out to you with ways you can assist us in welcoming the family. Your continued financial support is appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Nordeen in the church office.



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## 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 DECEMBER

- 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, Dec 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room (contact Barb Hollister, [bjhollister@comcast.net](mailto: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 [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) for online giving opportunities.
- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 29 – Annette Dahl  
Dec 1 – Nancy Nordeen  
Dec 6 – Eli Carlson-Lee  
Dec 7 – Janell Wampler, Bob Bauer  
Dec 8 – Dick Anderson

## 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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## 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.



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# Second Sunday in Advent

## December 5, 2021

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

**Come Now, O Prince of Peace**

**ELW 247 (vs. 2)**

- 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

*Light two candles.*

**L:** Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

#### GATHERING HYMN

**Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

**ELW 242**

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door, and lives now inside us forever.**

- 2** To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.
- 3** In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.
- 4** Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

## 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### He Came Down

ELW 253 (vs. 2)

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

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:

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

P: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

**ELW 265**

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee;  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
- 4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

### 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: You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things, that their words, and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Send leaders of all nations to work on behalf of immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill, especially..... Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**C: Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERING

Jubilate Bell Choir "My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"

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

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- *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

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### 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

**Hark, the Glad Sound!**

**ELW 239**

**1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, and ev'ry voice a song.**

- 2     **He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**
- 3     **He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.**
- 4     **Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.**

## DISMISSAL

L:     Go in peace. Christ is near!

C:     **Thanks be to God!**

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**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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### **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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### **He Came Down**

Text: Cameroon traditional

### **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

### **Hark, the Glad Sound**

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751