



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of January 9, 2022

BUDGET MEETING

The 2022 budget will be presented at a meeting on Jan. 16th. All members are encouraged to attend this important event. Meet in the sanctuary after the service. Those who cannot attend in person will be invited to join via Zoom. Look for an invitation in your email this week.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mt. Carmel's annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30. We'll meet in the Sanctuary following the service. Those who cannot attend in person will be invited to join via Zoom. Look for an invitation in your email the week prior.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

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

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.

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:

- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org/give or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.



Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.

POINSETTIAS NEED A HOME

Poinsettia plants from the altar are available to anyone who might like one. Look for them in the Narthex and entry. Please take one home today!

WEBSITE UPDATE

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

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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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 Wigger'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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 12– Carol Handberg
Jan. 13 – Grace Doolittle
Jan. 15 – Dave Samletzka, Jodi Wirth

FELLOWSHIP JANUARY

- ONLINE Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. (Contact Leona Olson, onondave@yahoo.com)
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. (Contact Ralph Matthes, marinosdelimpls@gmail.com)
- On hold: Racial Justice Book Study Group – Resumes March 24th, every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room and online (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

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.

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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Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

All: **To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW 304

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all, to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

- 1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. [Refrain]
- 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW p. 205

**C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

**1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

L: By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need, especially..... God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*especially*). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Choir

“Arise and Shine”

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

ELW p. 207

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

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: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING

FINAL BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310 (verses 1,3-4)

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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