



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of April 24, 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are optional.

CARMELS FOR MT. CARMEL!

The Youth are selling handmade caramels during coffee hour today. All proceeds will benefit the church and be submitted to the Foundation to be matched. Please give generously!

ART SALE FUNDRAISER

Calling all artists to a May art display and sale. If you're an artist with art to sell, Leona is planning a fundraiser sale during the month of May and inviting others to participate. Please contact Leona, either as a contributing artist or as volunteers to assist with set up and being there Sunday mornings or during the open to public times to collect payments. Items will be priced to sell, with any purchase amounts going directly to Mt. Carmel. This is not a silent auction. Any items not sold will be returned to the artist. Contact Leona if you have interest or questions.

NEW BOOK STUDY

Racial Justice Book Study Group starts a new book in May. We will read "dear white peacemakers" by Osheta Moore. We meet every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room. Next meeting: May 5. (Contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

SOUP AND CRACKER COLLECTION IMPACT

Throughout the Lenten season we have collected and donated a grand total of 235 pounds of food items for the Little Kitchen Food Shelf. Abundant thanks to all who joined in this challenge!

WANTED: MT. CARMELITE CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS AND FANS

Mt Carmelites are back! Players aged 18-107 can participate! If interested call/text Diane Langer 612-718-4229 or email ddl2@aol.com.

Our opening Game is Tuesday April 26 at 9 P.M.
Location: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We will receive new members to our congregation during the service next Sunday. Join us in as we welcome Linda Brozek, Jim and Nancy Felicetta, and Adam and Jessica Walz.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation meets Saturday May 7, 10:00 a.m. at Mt Carmel.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Confirmation Sunday is on May 8th. Join us as we celebrate confirmands Eli Carlson-Lee and Oliver Kutzer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/29 Delaney Kohler
4/30 Rick Sundly



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- The Porter family, grieving the loss of Jennie Porter
- Duane Bills, Ruth's husband, recovering at home
- Annette Dahl, in transitional care for therapy
- Eric, Jeanette Burmeister's son, recovering from surgery and processing a cancer diagnosis
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, receiving wound care and transitioning back to live in her group home
- Davetta and Isaiah, Linda Brozek's granddaughter and great-grandchild, who are homeless and looking for employment
- Carol Kwiecien, back home and recuperating after a fall
- Kim, Bob and Barb Hollister's daughter, who has cancer
- Joe Prondzinski, Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law, for pain relief and healing
- 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. Please provide an update to the office every 3 weeks if you want your request to remain on our prayers list.

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

PRAYER CHAIN

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

FOUNDATION MATCHING GIFT

The Mt. Carmel Foundation is offering a wonderful opportunity to match our fundraising efforts up to \$25000! Please designate any amount you'd like to give to this special offering, and we will track our progress toward the next \$5000 benchmark. We'll report our success to the Foundation and they will match it! You can designate funds with a note on your offering envelope. If you give online, please notify the office so we can direct your gift to the matching fund.

Progress Report: As of 4/10 Mt. Carmel has received \$18,980! We have applied for three \$5,000 matches from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.

FELLOWSHIP ARPIL

- 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)

ELCA DISASTER RELIEF

Special offerings are being collected through April 30 for the crisis in Ukraine. 100% of your special offering to Lutheran Disaster Response goes to support those impacted by the war (make checks payable to Mt. Carmel).



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April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

- *Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:*
- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth, through the city,
through every living thing.**

P: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

**C: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.**

**P: Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.**

**C: To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367 (verses 1,3-4)

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GREETING

**P: 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

You Are Holy

ELW 525

**You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.**

Blessed are you coming near.

**Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW 391 (verse 2)

**2 My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trumpet from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.**

Refrain:

**Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

P: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'

But Thomas said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: Holy One, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. Inspire those who lead your people in worship, especially ushers, musicians, those who run technology and pastors and assisting ministers. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Renew your people’s commitment to use resources responsibly, and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Direct those who are given authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Uphold your children who cry out to you, especially
Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. Empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world, for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

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).*
- *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 our 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

RECEIVING THE MEAL

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

FINAL BLESSING

P: God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376 (verses 1-3)

**1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]**

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding..... Rev. Christine Wenzel
Music Director..... Ruth Bills
Altar Guild Janell Partyka
Liturgist Audrey Erickson
Lector Justin Sawyer
Soundboard Tech Paul Lathrop and Randy Hawkins
Usher..... Rick Sundly
Mini-Bus Driver Doug Jones
Coffee Fellowship today Volunteers needed!

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