



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of May 1, 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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Today we receive new members to our congregation. Join us for coffee hour after the service to help us welcome Linda Brozek, Jim and Nancy Felicetta, and Adam and Jessica Walz.

CARMELS FOR MT. CARMEL!

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

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)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

NEXT WEEK:

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

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

ART SALE FUNDRAISER

Our art display and fundraiser sale has begun! Our hallways are filled with original artwork by our members, and all are available for sale. All purchase amounts will go directly to Mt Carmel and be part of the Foundation matching fund. Pay with cash or check written to Mt Carmel. Look for an envelope near each display area for your donation. If no one is available to assist you, simply take the item home with you! We'd love to see some gaps on the display walls!

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.

Next game: Tuesday May 3 at 9 P.M. Location: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton

AFGHAN ASSISTANCE

Our Afghan friends have been admitted to the US with limited legal status. Please write your congress representatives in support of the Afghan Adjustment Act so they can be assured a home here beyond the 1-2 year period allowed by their humanitarian parole. Look for sample letters online at the ELCA website for an easy way to contact your representatives.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/1 Kay McReavy
5/2 Clyde Fischer
5/3 Sandy Bauer
5/4 Marlys Hegstrom



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- The Wirth Family, grieving the loss of Brian's brother Glenn
- Marlene Brown's daughter, Sheri, and her children, on the death of her husband from cancer
- Marcus, Linda Brozek's grandson, grieving the loss of his other grandmother
- Duane Bills, Ruth's husband, recovering at home
- 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
- Kim, Bob and Barb Hollister's daughter, thanksgiving for an improved cancer prognosis
- Joe Prondzinski, Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law, for pain relief and healing
- Ryan, friend of Greta Kutzer, struggling with MS

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.

COVID INFORMATION

As covid cases increase in our area, masks are once again strongly encouraged in the building for worship and meetings. We continue to ask those who are sick to stay home and join us for worship online.

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 4/24 Mt. Carmel has received \$21,180! We can apply for our fourth \$5,000 match from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.

FELLOWSHIP MAY

- 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)

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.



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May 1, 2022 – Third 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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

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: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6 [7-20]

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW 391 (verse 3)

**3 Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.**

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 21:1-19

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729 (verses 1-3,5)

**1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.**

**3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Linda Brozek, Nancy and Jim Felicetta, Jessica and Adam Walz!

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 of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. Sustain us by your faithfulness, and give us strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Restore all people who cry to you for help *especially*
Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ’s glory to us and through us in our worship. 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

Sanctuary Choir “Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 BLESSING

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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389 (verses 1-2, 4-5)

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

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 Barbara Johnson
- Lector Janell Wampler
- Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
- Ushers Rick Sundly
- Mini-Bus Driver Rich Feist
- Coffee FellowshipCarol Panning and Myrna Flatland

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Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
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