



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of May 8, 2022

CONFIRMATION TODAY!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) and youth group will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are strongly encouraged. Today is our last day of classes. Thank you to our wonderful teachers: Jenni Lathrop, Trina Benedict, Jodi and Brian Wirth.

CARAMELS FOR MT. CARMEL!

The Youth caramel sale was a success! The \$300.75 in donations will be doubled by the Foundation. Thank you to all who bought caramels and congratulations to the high bidders who went home with the grand prize of . . . a LOT of caramels!

NEW BOOK STUDY

Racial Justice Book Study Group has started a new book in May. We are reading "dear white peacemakers" by Osheta Moore. We meet every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room. Next meeting: May 19. (Contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Scout troop will host their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday May 22nd.

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 10 at 8 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

5/13 Gary Lee
5/14 Astrid Ruser



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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

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, 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 5/8 Mt. Carmel has received \$21,590! We can apply for our fourth \$5,000 match from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.

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.

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:

- 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.



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May 8, 2022 – Fourth 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385 (verses 1,3,4)

- 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!**
- 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: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

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

John 10:22-30

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

P: ²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

ELW 581

- 1** "I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."
- 2** "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

Refrain:

- "Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."
- 3** "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name." [Refrain]
 - 4** "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.

**I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" [Refrain]**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Elijah Carlson-Lee and Oliver Kutzer

PRESENTATION

L: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

These people *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for *these brothers in faith*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: We renounce them.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AFFIRMATION

L: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to love and serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

L: People of God, do you promise to support *these brothers in Christ* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

L: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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: Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of all creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Warm the hearts of all who celebrate, and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships, and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation especially Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. 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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798 (verses 1, 4-5)

- 1** "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"
- 4** "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

**5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship Today

- Presiding..... Rev. Christine Wenzel
- Music Director..... Ruth Bills
- Altar Guild Janell Partyka
- Liturgist Dave Olson
- Lector Roger Peterson
- Soundboard Tech Paul Lathrop and Patrick Lathrop
- Ushers Rich Feist
- Mini-Bus Driver Andy Benedict
- Coffee Fellowship Karen Moeller and Nancy Nordeen

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

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