



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of May 15, 2022

PLANT SALE TODAY!

Mt. Carmel Child Care Center is hosting its 32nd Annual Plant Sale. Get your plants and support a community treasure! Today: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted. Proceeds will be used to replace flooring in the classroom and bring a puppet show performance to the kids!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Scout troop will host their 23rd annual pancake breakfast fundraiser Sunday, May 22, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids 8 and under. Thank you for supporting 90 years of scouts at Mt. Carmel!

ART SALE FUNDRAISER

Our art display and fundraiser sale continues! Our hallways are filled with original artwork by our members, as well as items donated by someone with an "eye for art." All are available for sale and 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!

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)

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 17 at 8 P.M. Location: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Al Erickson, recovering from surgery
- 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.



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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

5/18 Maria Larson
5/19 Ralph Matthes
5/21 Hannah Lathrop, Zoe Lathrop,
Kevin Ziegler

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.

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)
- Racial Justice Book Study Group – Meets every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room and online. Next meeting: May 19 (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)



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May 15, 2022 – Fifth 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: 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

- 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!**
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"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

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

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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 13:31-35

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

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

P: When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

- 1 **Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.**

- 2 **With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.**

- 3 **Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.**

- 4 **Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.**

- 5 **Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.**

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: Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities.

Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Humble the rulers of all nations. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, especially.....
As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. 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

“Let Your Light Shine”

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

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

ELW 377 (verses 1-2, 5)

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. [Refrain]**

- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! [Refrain]**

DISMISSAL

- 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 Diane Langer
- Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
- Ushers Steve Ristuben
- Mini-Bus Driver Rick Labandz
- Coffee FellowshipKathy Halverson, Barb Hollister, Alex Morland

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