



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of May 22, 2022

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY

The Scout troop will host their 23rd annual pancake breakfast fundraiser **TODAY**, 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. Take out available. Thank you for supporting 90 years of scouting at Mt. Carmel!

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED (Sign-up in Fellowship Hall)

Who doesn't like coffee and conversation after church on Sunday mornings? To keep this wonderful tradition going though, we need coffee servers. Making coffee is simple (tutorials available if needed) and bringing treats is optional as there will always be cookies in the freezer. However, if you want to share your special cookies or other goodies from home, that's fine too. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with the Sundays listed. For more information or if you'd like a coffee making tutorial, please give either Barb Hollister (612-590-6469) or Karen Moeller (612-619-3743) a call. It is strongly recommended that masks be worn when serving. Thank you in advance for your help in making this fellowship opportunity happen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/23 Matt Nordeen
5/24 Tiffany Ruser
5/26 Barb Hollister, Mike Wiggen
5/27 Linda Jones
5/29 D'Lorraine Dufour, Jill McMahan

ART SALE FUNDRAISER

Our art display and fundraiser sale continues through May! The 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 would 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 26. (Contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Al Erickson, recovering from surgery at home
- Marcus, Linda Brozek's grandson, grieving the loss of his other grandmother
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, receiving wound care and transitioning back to live in her group home
- 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.



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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.

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.

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 5/17 Mt. Carmel has received \$22,446! We can apply for our fourth \$5,000 match from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.

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

Next game: Tuesday May 17 at 8 P.M. Location: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton. We love fans!

Upcoming games: May 24, 6 p.m. vs. Who Cares May 31, 7 p.m. vs. Adagios
All games at Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton.

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 22, 2022 – Sixth 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

Rise, Shine You People!

ELW 665

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.**
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation. God's new creation.**

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: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your Word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

Revelation 21:10, 22:1-22:5

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

P: Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]**

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: God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide all leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace, especially.....
Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river 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

“Song For World Peace”

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763 (verses 1-2,4)

**1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]**

**4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [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 Trina Benedict
- Lector Audrey Erickson
- Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
- Ushers Rich Feist
- Mini-Bus Driver Doug Jacobson
- Coffee FellowshipScouts

Rise, Shine You People

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