



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of July 3, 2022

BISHOP VISIT JULY 17

Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Ann Svennungsen will visit Mt. Carmel on Sunday, July 17. Our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) has been submitted to the synod. Remain in the sanctuary after worship for important updates about our interim and search for a new pastor. Copies of the MSP will be available on July 17. To receive a copy before the meeting, please contact the church office.

MEALS ON WHEELS UPDATE

Last month's Third Sunday ministry partner was Eastside Meals on Wheels. We received over \$1000 in donations from generous members – wow! Thank you all for your contributions.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. The new schedule is Monday-Thursday, 10:00-2:00 p.m.

COMMUNION UPDATE

We have returned to receiving Communion at the front of the Sanctuary! Please come forward when the usher invites you. Servers will wear masks and gloves. If you're not comfortable communing this way, please stay seated and continue to use the kits available in the Narthex.

FITNESS CLASS

Mt. Carmel is hosting a community fitness class on Wednesday mornings in the Narthex. Class meets at 10:00 a.m. for an hour of chair yoga with teacher Ginny Snow. Class is free and all are welcome. Contact the office if you'd like more information.

COFFEE SERVERS STILL NEEDED!

As the Nike saying "Just Do It" goes, so goes our plea for Sunday morning coffee servers. If the reason is not knowing how to use the coffee maker, Barb Hollister or Karen Moeller will be happy to show you how to use it. Detailed instructions are also on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Cookies are always in the freezer, so you don't have to make or buy any treats. Sign up is on the wall by the serving windows and we hope to see those slots filled. Feel free to call either Barb (612-590-6469) or Karen (612-619-3743) if you have any questions. Fellowship time is important, too. Let's keep it going!

3RD SUNDAY OFFERING

The Afghan family we support through the Circle of Welcome is excitedly anticipating the birth of a new child this month. They will be our July 3rd Sunday offering recipients. We invite you to donate diapers or designate a monetary gift to the Refugee Resettlement fund so we can purchase a gift card. We hope to celebrate with the family and meet the new baby later in the fall. Contact Kari Sawyer or Nancy Nordeen with questions.

MT. CARMELITES CO-ED SOFTBALL

This week's game was another frenzied hit-run-score night for the Mt. Carmelites. Thanks to great plays like Delaney Kohler's 3-run in the park homerun, the team celebrated a win of 14-4 over the Swingers.

We will continue with our appreciation nights the rest of the season treating our fans to snacks and drinks. No game July 5. Play-offs begin following week.

Location: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton

Questions: Diane Langer 612-718-4229



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- The family of Virginia Schaal, who passed away June 12
- Al Erickson, recovering from surgery
- 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.

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Marion Harris, Gerry Johnson, and Dorothy Warhol

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. We'll report our success to the Foundation, and they will match it!

Progress Report: As of 6/26 Mt. Carmel has received \$22,991! We have nearly reached our final \$5,000 match from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/3 David Ristuben
7/7 Jo Alice Boatright
7/9 Marlene Brown

SCAM ALERT!

Watch out for scam emails. Your pastor will not ask you for money via email. If you are unsure about a message, give us a call!

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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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Before You Lord, We Bow

ELW 893

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
- 2 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise
and join to raise a grateful song.
- 3 Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice, and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
and bow before the Crucified.
- 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, then may ev'ry land
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng, with joy to sing
to heav'n's high king salvation's song.

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

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

**C: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

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

P: After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' " "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of bringing peace and healing. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving, especially
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERTORY "Mothering God"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

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).*

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the distribution words:

P: 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: Let us pray: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding..... Rev. Christine Wenzel
Music Director..... Ruth Bills
Altar Guild Janell Partyka
Liturgist Audrey Erickson
Lector Julie Larson
Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
Usher..... Frank Johnson and Rick Sundly
Mini-Bus Driver Doug Jones
Coffee Fellowship..... Karen Moeller

Before You Lord, We Bow

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Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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To Be Your Presence

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O Beautiful For Spacious Skies

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