



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of July 24, 2022

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Next week, July 31, please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service as we celebrate Pastor Christine on the 25th anniversary of her ordination!

2ND QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements were sent out via email. Please review both for accuracy of amounts and recording of the category of donation. We prefer to address discrepancies now rather than next April at tax time! Notify the office if something doesn't look right.

3RD SUNDAY OFFERING

The Afghan family we support through the Circle of Welcome joyfully announced the arrival of their new baby! His name is Mohammed. July's third Sunday offering will go to support the family directly. Please donate diapers or use the white pew envelope to designate a monetary gift to the resettlement fund. We hope to celebrate with the family and meet the new baby later in the fall. Gifts will be collected through the end of July.

MATCHING FUNDS

The sale of unused Sunday School chairs has raised \$80 to date and will be matched by the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church Foundation. Thanks to Diane Langer for using your creativity to help us defeat our deficit.

GARDEN CLEAN UP

Thank you to all the volunteers who pulled weeds and freshened up the mulch in the flowerbeds last week. Be sure to walk around and enjoy their good works!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where there's no rigid weekly commitment and you work with a fun group of people? Then the Mt. Carmel funeral committee is looking for you! The committee's services are available to families who have lost a loved one and request a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the funeral/memorial service. No cooking involved! We set tables, serve a catered lunch and clean up. Have another commitment on the day we ask you to help? No problem, we'll call you the next time. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please call or text LuAnn Swanson at 651-587-1405 or call the church office, 612-781-2796, and let Nancy know.

MT. CARMELITES CO-ED SOFTBALL

Mt Carmelites have ended their season - without a trophy this year, but we finished our play-off game with an in-the-park Grand Slam for some excitement. As usual we enjoyed some great times and appreciate our fan loyalty. The season ended with more wins than losses and scoring more than 100 runs. We can't take the big prize every year.

Thank you, Mt. Carmel Foundation, for sponsoring the team and thank you Mt. Carmel fans - we love you!

PUPPET SHOW – AUGUST 4

Spread the word! Open Eye Theatre is coming back to Mt. Carmel for a show at 6:30 p.m. outside on the Triangle. The show is free and everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, neighbors, and family!



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- John Maki, Maryjo Wiggen's cousin and former member, recovering in rehab after a fall
- 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

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who have taken a turn (or two!) to host coffee hour. More volunteers are needed. Sign up to serve on the wall by the serving windows. Training provided! Treats are in the freezer. Feel free to call either Barb at 612-590-6469 or Karen at 612-619-3743 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP JULY

- 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: July 28 (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)

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 mountcarmelimpls.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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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 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

Seek Ye First

WOV 783

- 1 **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

- 2 **Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

- 3 **We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, 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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will

you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears, O Christian People

ELW 519

**1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.**

Refrain

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Mark Wegener "Why This Prayer Is So Hard to Pray"

HYMN OF THE DAY

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

- 1 **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

- 2 **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.**

- 3 **Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.
A brief silence.
- L: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- L: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- L: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they

serve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer especially
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Taste and See”

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

Lord, Be Glorified

ELW 744

- 1** In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2** In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3** In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4** In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding.....Rev. Dr. Mark Wegener
Music Director..... Ruth Bills
Altar Guild Janell Partyka
Liturgist Barbara Johnson
LectorAl Erickson
Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
Usher..... Frank Johnson and Rick Sundly
Mini-Bus Driver Doug Jones
Coffee FellowshipRick and Cheryl Sundly

**Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Mark Wegener for presiding today.
Find Bible study resources at his website: *scripturesampler.org*.**

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