



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of July 31, 2022

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service as we celebrate Pastor Christine on the 25th anniversary of her ordination. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT GA

Mark your calendars for a Better Together event on Sunday, August 14 at 9:30 a.m. We will worship outside at Gustavus Adolphus that morning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/31 Hadley Sawyer
8/2 Jill Davis
8/2 Jenni Lathrop, James Matthes
8/3 Andy Benedict, Dolly Langer
8/4 Frida Benedict, Paul Lathrop
8/6 Fred Chiquist, Margot Jacobson



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Marion Harris, recovering from a broken hip
- 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 AUGUST

- 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: August 11 (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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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

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

Come, All You People

- 1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

**2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

P: Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW 583

Refrain:

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. [Refrain]

2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. [Refrain]

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. [Refrain]

4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain

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: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. We give thanks for our new partnership with Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress especially Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, we thank you for raising up men and women of faith to preach your Word and administer your Sacraments, and especially we pray for Pastor Christine. As you have blessed her during 25 years of ministry, grant that she may continue to keep her ordination vows, fulfill her duties of ministry, serve your people, build up your Church, and glorify your name.

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. 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.
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.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

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 Dave Olson
Lector Karen Moeller
Soundboard Tech Paul Lathrop
Usher..... Frank Johnson and Rick Sundly
Mini-Bus Driver Rich Feist
Coffee Fellowship Jim and Dylan Evans

*Altar flowers are given by Doug Wenzel and his family
in celebration of Pastor Christine’s 25 years of service as a Lutheran pastor.*

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Praise to the Lord

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