



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of September 4, 2022

CELEBRATION SUNDAY & RALLY SUNDAY – SEPT 11

We did it! Our goal of raising \$25,000 has been achieved which in turn will be matched by the Mt. Carmel Foundation. Way to go Mt. Carmel! Let's celebrate this generous giving in both worship and fellowship on Sunday, September 11. Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and who knows, there may even be a little hand clapping and shoulder movement in the service! The church council will be serving special treats following worship in Fellowship Hall.

This same Sunday (9/11) is also being recognized as Rally Sunday for our Sunday School families as well as ALL members of Mt. Carmel. This is a "Rally Call" for each of us to regroup and renew as we move forward starting our fall season. Sunday School classes will begin on September 18 and other opportunities for members will be forthcoming. Please read carefully all announcements and hop on board as we move forward to "Learn, Live, and Share God's Word."

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Jubilate bell choir and Sanctuary choir want you to come and make music together. Practices begin September 7 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Ruth Bills: Ext. 120, ruthbills@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

The office is closed September 4 for the Labor Day holiday. Regular office hours resume Tuesday. The schedule will Monday-Friday, 10:00-2:00 p.m.

MENS BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY AT GA

The Mt. Carmel men are invited to Gustavus Adolphus for a monthly breakfast held on the second Saturday beginning September 10 at 8:00 a.m. Join them for food, devotions, and fellowship. Questions: contact Gary Arvidson, 763.755.3987.

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Christine will be on leave for surgery September 11 – October 2. Pastor Dave Olson will be on call for pastoral emergencies: 651-528-7459.

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 is 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.

HELP WANTED – OCT 8

There is a collaborative effort underway to host a morning event at Mt. Carmel on Saturday, October 8. All women of Mt. Carmel and Gustavus Adolphus are invited. It will be a fun event featuring speaker Janet Letnes Martin and brunch . . . more details to follow.

Would you consider helping with this event? There are multiple opportunities to assist - set up, clean up, hospitality etc. And ladies. . . please check with your husbands or significant others as we are hoping to recruit a few men to serve the meal.

Thanks everyone. If you have questions or can help, please let Barb Hollister know (612-590-6469 or bjhollister@comcast.net).



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/4 Roger Peterson
9/7 MaryJo Kiely
9/9 Tessa Gurney

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 SEPTEMBER

- 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: September 8 (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)
- Men's Breakfast—Food, devotions and fellowship. Meets second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. at Gustavus Adolphus. (Contact Gary Arvidson, 763.755.3987)

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Betty, Dave Olson's sister-in-law, undergoing radiation
- Jo Alice Boatright, in transitional care after surgery
- Rachel, Myrna Flatland's friend, experiencing cancer reoccurrence and treating for shingles
- Dorothea, Linda Obright's friend, recovering from a heart attack or stroke
- Kaprice, Linda Obright's friend, in hospice with end-stage cancer
- Annette Dahl, in the care for rehab
- John Maki, Maryjo Wigger's cousin and former member, glad to be back home, but still facing challenges 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, Dave Johnson, Gerry Johnson, and Dorothy Warhol



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4th, 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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God is Here

ELW 526

- 1 **God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 **Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3 **Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**
- 4 **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears, O Faithful 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 14:25-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW 808

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care (*especially*) God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (*Sing 2 times*)

ELW 814

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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, p.207
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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**C: O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made; have mercy now, we pray.**

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: God of abundance, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with
bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our
neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

C: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

**P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth
and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope
and love.**

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN
Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where the captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. (Refrain)**
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (Refrain)**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain)**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding..... Rev. Christine Wenzel
Music Director..... Ruth Bills
Altar Guild Janell Partyka
Liturgist Audrey Erickson
LectorJill Davis
Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
Usher..... Steve Ristuben and Jim Felicetta
Mini-Bus Driver Rick Labandz
Coffee Fellowship Leona Olson

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