



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of September 11, 2022

CELEBRATION SUNDAY & RALLY SUNDAY

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! The church council will be serving special treats following worship in Fellowship Hall to celebrate.

Today 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 registration forms are available during coffee hour. 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

CALL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

All members are invited to recommend a pastor to the call committee. Names will be forwarded to the synod, who will ultimately compile a shortlist to be considered for the position.

Pick up a purple recommendation form in the Narthex or watch the Candle for an online option.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP NEXT WEEK

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are optional.

MT. CARMEL LIBRARY

This fall make your next stop the Mt. Carmel library. It is in the Fireside Room and more children's books are located on the cart in the upper-level hallway. You can select items for your reading enjoyment, nourishing your mind and spirit. There are a variety of religious and spiritual books for all ages. Some books are classic reads and others are gems from the current day. Also, there are a variety of other resources. The library is available on Sunday mornings or during weekly church office hours. Be sure and make your next stop the Mt. Carmel library and check out this unsung resource. If you have questions about the library, contact Myrna Flatland, m-flat@umn.edu.

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).

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, ruthabills@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/17 Val Hendrickson

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Marion Harris recovering from a broken hip
- Pastor Christine, recovering from foot surgery
- 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 Wiggen'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

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: Sept 25 (contact Barb Hollister, bjhollister@comcast.net)



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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11th, 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

CONFSSION 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

Bring Forth the Kingdom

W&P #22

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the city of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain:

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the kingdom of God!**

- 2 You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
(Refrain)**
- 3 You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!
(Refrain)**
- 4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!
(Refrain)**

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

Glory and Praise to Our God

W&P #43

Refrain

**Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.**

- 1 We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. (Refrain)**
- 2 In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. (Refrain)**
- 3 Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray. (Refrain)**
- 4 God has watered our barren land and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Timothy 1: 12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 15:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

P: Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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: Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our partnership with Gustavus Adolphus. Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need especially,.....God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. 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

Sanctuary Choir

"O Sing to the Lord"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (Sing 2x)

ELW 814

**C: 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,
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.**

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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 the prayer 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. 208

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

Sing a New Song

W&P 125

Refrain

**Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.**

- 1 Yahweh's people dance for joy; oh, come before the Lord,
and praise the Lord on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. (Refrain)**
- 2 Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
The Lord has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. (Refrain)**
- 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. (Refrain)**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding.....	Rev. Steve Olson
Music Director.....	Ruth Bills
Children's Message.....	Karen Moeller
Altar Guild	Janell Partyka
Liturgist	Sandy Bauer
Lector	Roger Peterson
Soundboard Tech	Patrick Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
Usher.....	Steve Ristuben and Jim Felicetta
Mini-Bus Driver	Dave Larson
Coffee Fellowship	Council

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