



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of October 23, 2022

WELCOME PR. STEVE OLSON

Welcome to Pr. Steve Olson who will be our bridge interim pastor as Mt. Carmel finishes our call process. Pastor Steve's short-term goal is to reach out to the entire congregation, in fairly short order, through phone calls and visits. The visits will focus first on the shut-ins and after that he'll attend to wherever there is a present need for pastoral care and support. Pastor Steve is on call 24/7, so do not hesitate to call, text or email him. You can reach him by calling or texting 320-296-6294 or by email at steven.olson2004@gmail.com.

BEST WISHES AND HEALING TO PR. CHRISTINE!

Please keep Pastor Christine in your prayers. On Oct. 11, she tendered her resignation as Mt. Carmel's interim pastor, due to health issues. We want to keep her in our prayers for a full recovery.

We also want to give thanks for the work Pr. Christine has done during Mt. Carmel's interim and during the pandemic. If you would like to send cards of thanks and well wishes, please drop them off at the office by Oct. 31 and we will make sure to get them to her.

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING / THANKSGIVING BASKETS

In October and November our Third Sunday offering will benefit the Thanksgiving basket outreach. Please contribute to this ministry with a special offering. We will use the funds to purchase Cub gift cards for each family. Do you know someone who could benefit from support for Thanksgiving? Let the office know. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are optional. Note: Please return to the Sanctuary for music!

BETTER TOGETHER: CRAFT-IN AT GA NOV. 2-5

The women from Gustavus have invited us to join in their four-day Craft-In from **Wednesday to Saturday, Nov. 2-5**. Participants take over Gustavus' Fellowship Hall for four days, bringing the craft or hobby of your choice. Come and go as you need; join them every day or just a day or so. If you plan to participate or have questions contact Mary Larson at 612-781-4104 or larson1953@msn.com.

BETTER TOGETHER: TRUNK OR TREAT – OCT. 31

We have another opportunity to participate with our partners at Gustavus Adolphus in October for a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31, 5:15-6 p.m. Kids are invited to get treats, and adults are invited to participate by having trunks with goodies to share. All are encouraged to wear costumes if you have them. The event will begin with a "spooky" organ concert at GA at 4:45 p.m. and then trunk or treat will happen in the parking lot. We'd love to have you join in the fun!

SUPPORT THE SCOUTS

Mt. Carmel Scouts BSA Troop 132 is selling wreaths, swag, garland and more! Proceeds fund operating and camping over the course of the year. Return your completed order form to the office by Nov 1. Order forms are available in the Narthex. Contact Jim Evans at 612-208-0104 or jamesevans64@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you!



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CHILDCARE BUTTER BRAIDS

The childcare is selling delicious pastries to benefit the center again this year. Please pick up an order form in the Narthex or entryway and return it to the office with payment by Nov. 7. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/25 Jean Hayman, Karen Matthes, Rudy Roy,
Cheryl Sundly
10/27 Maria Gurney

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements were sent out via email. Please review carefully! Notify the office if something doesn't look right.

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Doris, Linda Brozek's mother, recovering from hospitalization from covid
- Davetta and her son, Linda Brozek's granddaughter and grandson, in need of stable housing
- Pastor Christine, recovering from additional surgery and hospitalization
- Pastor Susan Masters, recovering from a heart attack
- Marion Harris, transitioned to hospice last month
- Jo Alice Boatright, continuing to recover at home from a third foot surgery on Sept 16
- Bob Bauer, continued healing as he faces additional surgery
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, continuing to receive wound care and transitioning back to live in her group home
- Rachel, Myrna Flatland's friend, experiencing cancer reoccurrence and treatment for shingles

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

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

FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER

- 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. New book starts Oct. 27! (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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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23rd, 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 “Offertoire” by J. Donjon Flute: Jenny Focht

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk Dave Larson on Stewardship

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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;

**gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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- 1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain***
- 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW p. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

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

P: He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Toxic Religion”

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603

- 1 God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.**
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.**
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Parents and sponsors: Who do you present for Baptism?

Parents: We present Theodore Darrel Uhrich for Baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with

responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask everyone gathered here to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce evil in all its forms?

C: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you

took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Theodore Darrel Uhrich, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Theodore, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRESENTATION OF QUILT Cheryl Sundly

P: Let us welcome Theodore as our new little brother in Christ.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

L: God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, *especially* Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir and Flute "In Gratitude We Come"

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.**

**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

P: Come, the table is ready.

Lamb of God

**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 the abundant table, 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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

- 1 **“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

- 2 **“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

- 3 **“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,**

**here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to remain and enjoy the postlude.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding..... Rev. Steve Olson
Music Director Ruth Bills
Instrumentalist..... Jenny Focht
Altar Guild Janell Partyka
Liturgist Trina Benedict
Lector Julie Larson
Soundboard Tech Paul Lathrop
Usher..... Karen Moeller and Justin Fischer
Mini-Bus Driver Andy Benedict
Coffee Fellowship Karen Moeller and Barb Hollister

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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