



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of October 30, 2022

FOUNDATION LEGACY PARTNERS BRUNCH TODAY

The Mt. Carmel Foundation will host a brunch featuring their famous caramel rolls following worship today. Brunch, catered by Marino's Deli, will feature a short presentation hearing from some of the beneficiaries of The Mt. Carmel Foundation and provide information on what it means to become a Foundation Legacy Partner. Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall.

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.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Come to the Foundation Legacy Brunch!

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!

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!

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.



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ORDERS DUE – WREATHS AND BUTTER BRAIDS

Mt. Carmel Scouts BSA Troop 132 is selling wreaths, swag, garland and more! Order forms are available in the Narthex and due to the office by **Nov 1**. The childcare is selling delicious pastries to benefit the center. Please pick up an order form in the Narthex or entryway and return it to the office with payment by **Nov. 7**. Thank you!

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

- Betty, Dave Olson's sister-in-law, beginning radiation therapy
- Barry, Dave Olson's brother, undergoing hernia surgery
- The family of Rev. Carl G. Lindell, who passed away Oct. 15
- Pastor Christine, recovering from additional surgery and hospitalization
- Marion Harris, transitioned to hospice last month
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, continuing to receive 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

FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER

- 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. (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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Reformation Sunday

October 30th, 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

TEMPLE TALK

Dave Larson

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

A Might Fortress Is Our God

ELW 505

Congregation verses 1, 3, 4 / Choir only on verse 2

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.**
- 2 If we in our own strength confide, our striving turns to losing;
the righteous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts by name. No other God we claim!
None else can win the battle.
- 3 Though all the world with devils fill and threaten to devour us,
we tremble not, we trust God's will: they cannot overpower us.
Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage,
this tyrant's doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail!
One little word shall triumph.**
- 4 God's Word shall stand above the powers, shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's our forever!**

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

- 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: Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING

Psalm 46 – **Congregation read the verses in bold.**

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THIRD READING

Romans 3:19-28

L: Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes

of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

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

P: Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"When Doubts are a Blessing"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

- 1 **Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.**
- 2 **Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.**
- 3 **O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.**

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: Keep your church steadfast in your word, reforming God. Deepen our faith and increase our love in Jesus' name. Further ecumenical dialogue and partnerships and equip us for unified witness and service in the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Come to the aid of the poor, especially those suffering food and water shortages or loss of homes due to natural disasters. Halt the exploitation of the earth's resources and lead us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Save from trouble those who struggle with hunger, homelessness, or addiction. Strengthen the overworked and give hope to those who do not have enough work. Console those who are burdened by illness or grief *especially*.....
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Reveal yourself to all who seek you. Empower the hospitality ministries of this congregation to welcome others to your feast of love. Foster generosity in our stewardship ministries to both our congregation and community. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Gather the faithful at the table of your eternal banquet. We give thanks for those who have witnessed to your gracious presence, especially Martin Luther and all who strive to reform and renew the church. 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 Trumpet "God is Our Refuge"

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, ELW 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 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

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 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

The Church of Christ in Every Age

ELW 729 verses 1-3, 5

**1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

- 2 **Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.**
- 3 **Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**
- 5 **We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

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..... Dan Kuch
- Altar Guild Janell Partyka
- Liturgist Trina Benedict
- Lector Jill Davis
- Soundboard Tech Paul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
- Usher..... Karen Moeller and Justin Fischer
- Mini-Bus Driver Doug Jacobsen
- Coffee Fellowship Foundation Legacy Brunch

Altar flowers are given by the Wirths in memory of Floyd Osmundson.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Foundation Legacy Brunch. All are welcome!

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