



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of November 27, 2022

ELCA WORLD HUNGER 2022 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Our Synod provides excellent study sources that can help us in our quest to Learn, Live and Share God's Word. Again this year we have available Advent Bible study guides for use in your "family", whatever that may be! This year's guide looks at the readings from Psalms for each of the four weeks of Advent. The guide is provided by the World Hunger division of the ELCA and introduces us to real world examples of how ELCA partners are addressing hunger in the World – near and far. It can help each of us during this season as we search for renewal and transformation, justice and peace, hope and comfort.

Guides are available on the tables in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. Pick yours up today!

HELP NEEDED AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!

The childcare will install new flooring in the classrooms over Thanksgiving weekend. Volunteers are needed to put the classrooms back together on Sunday. Can you help out after worship? Please let the office know that we can count on you. Thanks!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

See you next week!

WREATH PICK UP TODAY

Please pick up your Scouts wreath orders today. Contact Jim Evans at 612-208-0104 if you need to make other arrangements.

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS TODAY

One of the beloved rituals of Advent involves the use of the Advent wreath, a practice that dates back to 16th Century Germany. The four candles, lit individually each Sunday of Advent, represent the light of Christ who will come into the world at Christmas. Advent invites us to spiritually prepare for the coming of the light – our Lord!

During the coffee hour wreaths will be displayed and Karen Moeller will lead a short service of blessing for the wreaths.

GOOD FRUITS UPDATE: CHANGE IN LOCATION

Good Fruits Bible study continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. Beginning November 29th, we will meet in the Fireside room at Mt. Carmel. The study for the coming month is an Advent study from the Gather Magazine. Questions? Contact Leona: onondave@yahoo.com or 612-859-7075.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES AND TIME & TALENT DUE

Today is Stewardship Sunday! How will you give of your time, talent, and treasure this year? Pledge cards and time and talent sign up sheets are available in the Narthex. Please fill them out and place them in the plate or send them to the office as soon as you can. Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/27 Matti Gurney, Carol Panning

11/29 Annette Dahl

12/1 Josie Kurth, Nancy Nordeen



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- 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, Gerry Johnson, and Dorothy Warhol

PCYC GIFT SALE

We will support the Plymouth Christian Youth Center Gift Sale again this year. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift valued \$10-\$25 and place it in the box outside the office by Dec. 7. 600 children will get to shop for their families in this special gift store!

SCARF AND MITTEN MAKING AT GA – DEC. 1

You're invited to drop-in and make scarves and mittens at GA on Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact Leona Olson with questions: 612-859-7075.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Help a family break the cycle of poverty – for good! During Advent you can support a family by purchasing an animal – figuratively. Choose an ornament from the tree in the narthex. Pick up an envelope for this special offering and place it in the plate along with cash/check or send it to the office. The ornament is yours to keep! All gifts collected through December 20 will be forwarded to our partner ELCA Good Gifts.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags are available during the worship service. They are in the Narthex on the table next to the cross wall hanging. Feel free to pick one up any time during the worship service. The red bags are geared for preschoolers and the blue bags are geared for elementary school age kids. Please return bags to the box marked Bag Returns. Questions? Contact Janell Wampler: janell.wampler@gmail.com , 612.978.0564.

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.



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First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – Benedict Family

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240 verse 1

**1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

F: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be God's name forever.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242

**1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door, and lives now inside us forever.**

**2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

**3 In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.**

**Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.**

- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

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

L: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

L: In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

SECOND READING

Romans 13: 11-14

L: Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253 (v. 1)

**He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Is the End Near"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715 verses 1, 2 ,5

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.**

Make us your living voice. [Refrain]

**5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

L: God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care *especially*God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils,

call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir

“Advent Promise”

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

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: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Lamb of God

ELW p. 135

**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.
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: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come

ELW 260 verses 1, 2, 4, 5

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.**
- 2 Not as of old a little child,
to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.**
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes,**

and we shall see his face.

**5 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

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
- Altar Guild Janell Partyka
- Liturgist Trina Benedict
- Lector Lory Dubbles
- Soundboard Tech Paul Lathrop
- Usher..... Rich Feist and Fred Chinquist
- Mini-Bus Driver Doug Jones
- Coffee Fellowship Doug and Linda Jones

Altar flowers are given by Janell Wampler in celebration of family birthdays
and by Marlene Brown in honor of her twin great-grandsons, born 11/16/2022.
Welcome Oskar and Theodore!

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