



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of Jan. 8, 2023

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

We will prepare a report ahead of the annual meeting. Group leaders, please submit reports to the office by Friday, Jan. 13.

MISSION REBOOT

Pr. Steve Olson will present ways to redevelop, revitalize and reestablish our congregation. Join us Jan. 15, 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BUDGET MEETING

The 2023 budget will be presented at a meeting on Jan. 22. Meet in the sanctuary after the service.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mt. Carmel's annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Please return to the Sanctuary for music at 10:45. Youth (6th-12th grade) will meet in the Youth Room downstairs.

POINSETTIAS NEED A HOME

Poinsettia plants from the altar are available to anyone who might like one. Come up to the front to take one after the service. Janell Partyka will help you wrap it up. Please take one home today!

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Dan, Nancy Nordeen's father, recovering from surgery in transitional care
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, whose wound is almost healed and is staying in the health care center.

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office.

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

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

THE 2 MINUTE RULE

Following worship, please take the first 2 minutes to greet someone you don't know. It makes all the difference. And you can still meet up with your friend, even better introduce them to the guest.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Foundation awards educational scholarships to Mt. Carmel members each year. Applications are due Feb. 28. Pick up a hard copy in the Narthex or contact the office for an e-copy.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex by the elevator. The cost of one bouquet is \$27. You may pick up the flowers following the service.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 12 – Carol Handberg

Jan. 13 – Grace Doolittle

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags are available in the Narthex. 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.

COVID RISK – MEDIUM

The covid task force is on hold, however Pastor Steve would like us to do our best to keep one another healthy! The current community covid transmission level is *medium* which puts us in a yellow zone. Masking in the building is still optional. Please wear a mask if you are at high risk of getting very sick from a covid infection. Please wear a mask if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with covid. Thank you.

LITTLE KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Little Kitchen food shelf is looking for volunteers on Wednesday or Friday mornings between 9:30 a.m.-noon. For more information contact Myrna at 612-246-7095 or the food shelf director, Lynn, at 612-703-0250.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Mini-bus service resumes Jan. 8! Call the church office (612-781-2796) by noon Friday to let us know you want a ride.

FELLOWSHIP JANUARY

- ONLINE Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room and online. (Contact Leona Olson, onondave@yahoo.com)
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. online. (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: Jan. 5. (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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First Sunday in Epiphany - Baptism of our Lord

January 8, 2023

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 makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673 verses 1-3

- 1 **God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**
- 2 **Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.**
- 3 **Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

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

Songs of Thankfulness

ELW verses 1-2

- 1 **Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,**

**branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

L: Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins

through his name.'

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Halle

ELW p. 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

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

P: Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Leaning Into Love"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW 304

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,

**God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.**

- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.**
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.**
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.**

APOSTLES CREED

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

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.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis *especially* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation, or health condition *especially*..... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir

"Arise and Shine"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

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 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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

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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

**P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.**

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

**1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

2 Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;

proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

**3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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 Dave Olson
Lector Dave Olson
Soundboard TechPatrick Lathrop, Paul Lathrop, Erik Ruser
Usher..... Rich Feist and Jim Felicetta
Mini-bus Rick Labandz
Coffee Fellowship.....Benedict Family

**Altar flowers are given by Brian and Jodi Wirth:
Happy golden birthday, Elsa! Love, Grandma & Grandpa**

God, Whose Almighty Word - Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Songs of Thankfulness and Prayer - Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

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