



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of April 9, 2023

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school and youth group resume on April 16.
Happy Easter!

YOUTH BREAKFAST

The youth group did a great job with their Palm Sunday Brunch fundraiser. We all enjoyed this time for fellowship. What's more, free will offerings totaled \$380! The youth have voted to donate all gifts to our ministry partner Feed My Starving Children. Special thanks to Jenni and Paul Lathrop for leading the effort. We appreciate all the bakers who made egg bakes, cinnamon rolls and other delicious dishes for the meal.

EASTER LILY GARDEN

Thank you to all those who sponsored a lily for today's Easter garden. Please take your plant home after the service!

3RD SUNDAY OFFERING – EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Goal met! Thank you to all those who contributed to the Easter Food Baskets. We are so glad we can help families to make a nice holiday meal to celebrate Easter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 14 – Robert Anderson
Apr. 15 – Rick Labandz

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Marlene Brown, for relief from pain as she awaits hip surgery
- Steve Metzler, Janell Wampler's friend, undergoing cancer treatment for a brain tumor
- 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

EATHER DAY - SAVE THE DATE!

Earth Day is coming up. To celebrate and do our part, Mt. Carmel is teaming up with Gustavus Adolphus to adopt Johnson Street. Join us for a clean up on **Sunday April 23**. Details to follow.

FOUNDATION MATCHING GIFT – 1 FOR 2!

All special offerings over and above your pledged giving for 2023 will be matched 50% by the Mt. Carmel Foundation. For example, your \$2.00 gift will be matched with \$1.00 to grow to \$3.00! Please designate any amount you'd like to give to this as "1 for 2 match" and we will track our progress towards the 6/30/23 benchmark of \$5000. We'll report our success to the Foundation, and they will add their dollars! **Join in the fun to erase the deficit.**



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CRAFT AND BAKE SALE – MAY 7

We will host a bake sale and craft fair after the service on May 7. All proceeds will go toward the Foundation 1 for 2 matching challenge. Contact Leona Olson to include your crafts, donate baked goods, and to volunteer to help out with the sale.

CARE NOTES

Are you or a loved one struggling with a diagnosis of cancer or dementia? Are you having difficulties as a caregiver? Have you recently lost a job? These are a few of the topics addressed by Care Notes. They are being provided by our Befriender Ministry. Browse the pamphlets on the shelves beneath the flower sign up sheet in the narthex, and take one or more for yourself or a loved one. If you would like to speak to someone more in depth about one of these subjects, call the church office or Pr. Dave Olson at 651-528-7459.

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.

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.



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Mt. Carmel Easter Garden

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023



Dick and Gloria Anderson in memory of their parents

Bob and Sandy Bauer to the glory of God

Jo Alice Boatright and Steve Ristuben in memory of loved ones

Karl Breitbarth in memory of Richard Nye

Carolan/Kutzer family in memory of lost family and friends

Fred Chinquist in memory of his parents, Ila and Fred

Jim Evans in memory of Geri Evans

Rich and Susan Feist in memory of loved ones

Jim and Nancy Felicetta in memory of Ray Brandes

Wayne and Kathy Halverson in memory of loved ones

Barb and Bob Hollister in memory of loved ones

Doug and Linda Jones in honor of their grandchildren

Diane Langer in memory of Doug Davis

Diane Langer in memory of Pamela D Calvert

Diane Langer in memory of Mark Davis

Nordeen family in memory of Tom Nordeen

Carol Panning in memory of loved ones

Walz family in memory of Ralph and Lois Holst

Janell and Richard Wampler in honor of the Wampers celebrating April family birthdays

Connie Wegner in memory of Jim Wegner

Kevin Ziegler in memory of his aunt, Nellie Ziegler

Kevin Ziegler in memory of his parents, Zigmund & Bonnie Ziegler

HOLY COMMUNION

The Resurrection of Our Lord:

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

*Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.*

Christ is the first growth of heaven's eternal spring

*"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree."
Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ.
Alleluia!*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

EASTER PROCLAMATION

At the sound of the bell the assembly stands to face the back of the church.

Repeated 3 times:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Ringing of the bells)*

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GREETING

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PSALM

118:1-2, 14-24 (ICEL) – *spoken responsively*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (118:24)

Give thanks, the Lord is good,

God's love is for ever!

Now let Israel say,

"God's love is for ever!"

Let the house of Aaron say,

"God's love is for ever!"

Let all who revere the Lord say,

“God’s love is for ever!”

Glad songs of victory sound within the tents of the just.

**With right hand raised high,
the Lord strikes with force.**

I shall not die but live to tell the Lord’s great deeds.

**The Lord punished me severely,
but did not let me die.**

Open the gates of justice, let me praise God within them.

**This is the Lords’ own gate,
only the just will enter.
I thank you for you answered me,
and you became my savior.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**This is the work of the Lord,
how wonderful in our eyes.**

This is the day the Lord made, let us rejoice and be glad.

**Lord, give us the victory!
Lord, grant us success!**

Blest is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from the Lord’s house.
The Lord God is our light:
adorn the altar with branches.**

I thank you, my God, I will praise you highly.

**Give thanks, the Lord is good,
God’s love is for ever!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation please join the refrain.

This Is the Day

(Gather hymnal) **64**

Cantor:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Refrain:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever;
let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever." **Refrain**
- 2 The Lord's right hand has struck with pow'r, the Lord's right hand is exalted; I shall
not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. **Refrain**
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes! **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

EASTER WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 10:34–43 - *God raised Jesus on the third day*

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Luke writes:

L: Peter began to speak to the people: '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.'

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1–4 -*Raised with Christ*

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

L: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10 - *Proclaim the resurrection*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you

will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

- 1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

NICENE CREED

L: With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

C: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.

L: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Congregation sing verses 1 and 4; choir only on verses 2 and 3

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

**4 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

L: Let us pray together:

**C: Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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: ...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.**

The presider continues with the great thanksgiving, concluding:

P: ...in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (1789)

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW 382 verses 1,2,4

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Serving Today

Presiding.....Pastor Foy Christopherson

Music Director..... Ruth Bills

Altar GuildJanell Partyka

Assisting Minister.....Al Erickson

Reader..... Jo Alice Boatright

Sound operators Paul Lathrop and Patrick Lathrop

UshersRich Feist and Patrick Kutzer

Mini-Bus DriverDoug Jones

No Coffee Fellowship today.

Altar flowers are given by the McReavys.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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Christ is Arisen, Alleluia

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