



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of April 23, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) and Youth Group (6th-12th grade) will follow worship, from 10:45–11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP TODAY!

April 22 was Earth Day! To celebrate and do our part, join us for a neighborhood clean-up **today**. We'll meet outside the main entrance at 11:30 a.m. and work to clean up both sides of Johnson Street from 32nd Ave down to 26th Ave. See Stephenie Labandz and Brent Carlson-Lee with questions.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Social Justice Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. Regular meetings are every other Thursday. All are welcome!

RECITAL HOST NEEDED

Mt. Carmel will host a piano recital on Saturday, May 13. Would you volunteer to provide hospitality that day? Please be on site from 12-3:00 p.m. Contact the office if this is a good fit for you!

TRY THE BELLS! - APR. 29

A bells clinic is set for Saturday, Apr. 29 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Some interest has been shown in learning about bell ringing at Mt. Carmel. Now is the time. Join us to learn if this is for you. It's fun; it's rewarding; it's joyful; it's creative! See you there. - Ruth B.

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Jessica Walz, grieving the loss of her mother Judy Ann
- Marlene Brown, for relief from pain as she awaits hip surgery
- Anette Dahl, recovering in rehab after a fall
- 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

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.

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.



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BIBLE STORY FUN AT HOME

Pick up free activity sheets based on recent worship scripture readings to experience some easy and relaxing learning at home when the special kids in your lift stop by - or enjoy them yourself! A variety of sheets include crossword, word search, mazes, coloring pages and more. Look for them on Sundays through May and again in September. These activity sheets are labeled in file folders' display by the Children's Worship Activity Bags located in the Narthex. Questions contact Janell Wampler at janell.wampler@gmail.com or 612.978.0564.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 16 – Bill McReavy

Apr. 21 – Rich Feist, Patrick Kutzer

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.**

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.

FELLOWSHIP APRIL

- 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)



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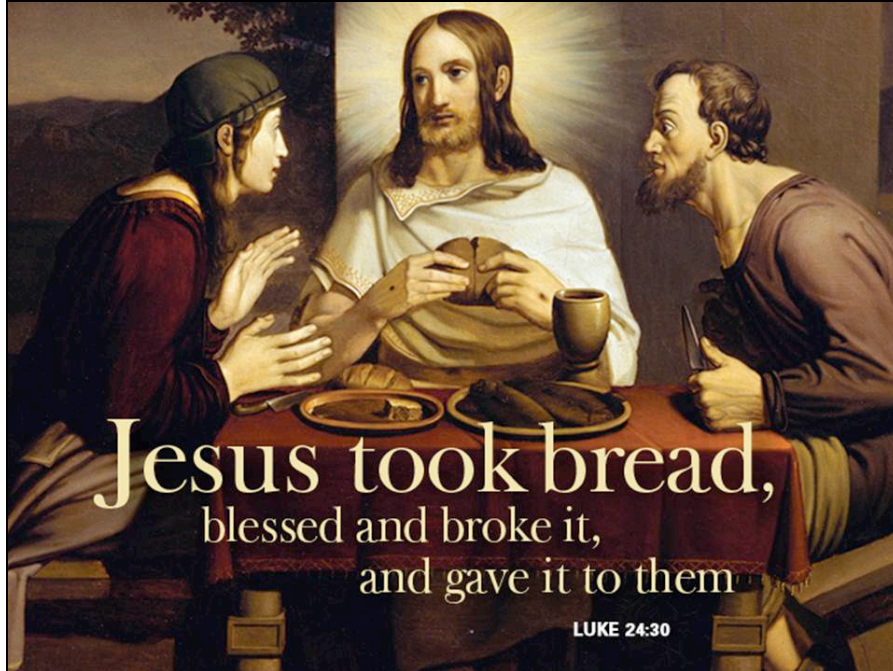


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LARGE PRINT EDITION



Eating with the risen Christ

HOLY COMMUNION

3 Easter + April 23, 2023

*Jesus, our companion,
walks with us in good times and in bad*

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Bourée in F Major"

George Phillip Telemann

A bell calls the assembly to worship. Please stand as you are able.

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

C **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

P Death has no more dominion over him.

C **Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

A Dying he destroyed our death.

C **Rising he restored our life.**

HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST (hymn) ELW 482

"I Come with Joy"

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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GREETING

P 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

(hymn) ELW 525

C **You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from
soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.
O God,
your Son makes himself known to all his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work;
in his name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Receiving God's promise through baptism

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Luke writes:

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Born anew

1 Peter 1:17–23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined

before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Let us stand and welcome the gospel in song:

C Jesus, with us on life's way, Alleluia!

Make your presence known today. Alleluia!

Risen as the women said; Alleluia!

Be with us in breaking bread. Alleluia! (EASTER HYMN)

GOSPEL

Eating with the risen Christ

Luke 24:13–35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have

taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had

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happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 374

“Day of Arising”

- 1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
- 2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.
- 3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
- 4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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APOSTLES' CREED

A We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we proclaim our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need. Each petition concludes:

...Hear us, O Lord.

C Your mercy is great.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the collection plates in the aisles. Thank you for your generosity.

"The Strife is O'er"

Sanctuary Choir

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A 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 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: ELW p. 130

**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:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

music during communion:

“Lamb of God” ELW p. 135

**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

A 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.**

EASTER BLESSING

BLESSING OF INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) *Earth Day*

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it. On the calendar in the ELCA’s Spanish language worship book (LLC).

SENDING DIALOG

A We have heard the holy and saving gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.

P You have been nurtured at the holy table
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

**C We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation
in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

A Go out from this Easter assembly
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

**C Let us bear God’s creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

BLESSING

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

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 376

“Thine Is the Glory”

**1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain***

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Share the good news.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

arr. Gerald Peterson

“Ye Sons and Daughters of the Lord ”



Prayer and Anointing for Healing
for the Easter season is offered today after worship.
Meet Pastor C at the front of the church
following the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Katrina Benedict, *assisting minister*
Dave Olson, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Sanctuary Choir
Julie Larson, Erik Ruser, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *altar guild*
Rich Feist, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*
Doug Jones, *bus ministry*
Nancy & Jim Felicetta, *coffee hospitality*

Brian & Jodi Wirth, *chancel flowers*
Happy Birthday Mother!

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WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. Welcome to Mt. Carmel!

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

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