



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of April 30, 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. *Next week will be our final classes for this school year!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 30 – Rick Sundly
May 1 – Kay McReavy
May 2 – Clyde Fischer
May 3 – Sandy Bauer
May 4 – Marlys Hegstrom

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7

If you are interested in learning more about membership at Mt. Carmel, this class is for you! Join us after worship in the Fireside Room at 10:45. We'll have coffee, share information, and make time for questions. Please let the office know if you will attend: office@mountcarmelmpls.org / 612-781-2796.

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.

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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Craft Fair and Bake Sale, May 7, contact Leona Olson
Recital Host, May 13, contact the office
Coffee Hour Host, May 14, contact the office
Parade Coordinator, June 20, contact Karen Moeller

CPR CLASS

Is your CPR certification up to date? This training is for our ushers and any members who'd like to be ready to help in the event of a medical emergency. The date is not yet set, so contact Rich Feist if you're interested in taking part.

SAVE THE DATE FOR PANCAKES – MAY 21!

Scouts breakfast is coming up on May 21, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. See Jim Evans and Steve Panning for tickets.

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!



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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 MAY

- 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)

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



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Christ is the Good Shepherd

HOLY COMMUNION

4 Easter + April 30, 2023

Christ the shepherd guards his sheep from thieves

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

GATHERING

FLUTE PRELUDE

BELL

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 385

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice” *stanzas 1, 3, 4*

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our king!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory

that love, that life, which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

and sing today with one accord,

the life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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.

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 our shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
in whose 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.

PSALM

The Lord's my shepherd

Psalm 23

“Good Shepherd Sunday” comes each year on the fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday gets this nickname because the favorite image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd takes pride of place. Each year the appointed Psalm for this day is Psalm 23.

A reading from Psalms.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his
name’s sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Follow the shepherd, even in suffering 1 Peter 2:19–25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

A reading from First Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Let us stand and welcome the gospel in song:

**C Christ, you call us each by name; Alleluia!
That we might have life, you came. Alleluia!
Blest are those who know your voice; Alleluia!
All who follow will rejoice. Alleluia!** (EASTER HYMN)

GOSPEL

Christ our shepherd

John 10:1–11

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

before the reading:

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says: Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 778

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5

- 1 **The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**
- 3 **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**
- 4 **My table thou hast richly spread
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**
- 5 **Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650

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 King of Love My Shepherd Is ”

Sanctuary Choir, flute

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

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:

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

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.**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

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

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 764

"Have No Fear Little Flock"

stanzas 1 - 4

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,**

**for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!**

**4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!**

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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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

“Christ the Redeemer ”

arr. Tom Birchwood



SERVING TODAY

The Rev. David Olson, *guest presider*

Sandy Bauer, *assisting minister*

Karen Moeller, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Jenny Focht, *flute*

Myrna Flatland, Paul Lathrop, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *altar guild*

Rich Feist, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*

Doug Jacobsen, *bus ministry*

Dave and Julie Larson, *coffee hospitality*

Foy Christopherson, *pastor*

Connie Wegner, *chancel flowers*

in memory of Jim Wegner

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Welcome Pastor Dave. Pastor C is working in Madison, Wisconsin today, participating in the 70th anniversary of founding of Midvale Community Lutheran Church, his first call. Former pastors are often invited back to celebrate these anniversaries. Mt. Carmel will celebrate its next big anniversary in 2027 – our 100th anniversary! Thanks to Dave Olson for serving. It's always nice to have a familiar face to lead our worship when our regular pastor is away. Pastor C will be back in town this evening.



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WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. Welcome to Mt. Carmel!

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping 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.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel

Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.

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