



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For Week of May 14, 2023**

### CHILDCARE FUNDRAISER

We are partnering with a local company to raise funds for new equipment and improvements to the childcare. **Simpls** delivers ready to heat meals to your door. Go to [simpls.com](https://simpls.com) and enter code MCCC at checkout to direct a portion of sales to the childcare! Ends May 29.

### SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 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.

### BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH – MAY 28

Put on your best **red** party clothes as we celebrate **Pentecost**, the birth of our Church, on May 28. Please consider a special birthday offering. All gifts will be matched by the Foundation 1 for 2! Join us after worship for cake to celebrate.

### INSTALLATION – JUNE 4

Join us for this special service to install our new settled pastor, Foy Christopherson!

### BASEBALL LUNCH & GRAD CELEBRATION – JUNE 11

Join us after worship to honor this year's graduates and enjoy one of our favorite traditions, the Take Me Out to the Ballgame Luncheon.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 14 – Astrid Ruser  
May 19 – Ralph Matthes

### THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Annette Dahl, recovering from covid and a fall
- The family of Julie Van Dale, friend of Karl Breitbarth, for her passing on April 30
- The family of Karen Nolan, friend of Karl Breitbarth, for her passing on April 30
- The family of our member Ethel Antonson, who passed away May 6
- Marlene Brown, awaiting hip surgery
- Steve Metzler, Janell Wampler's friend, undergoing cancer treatment for a brain tumor

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

### PRAYER CHAIN

To lift up a prayer concern for the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.

### HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

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

### TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE – MAY 16

Articles for the June/July combined issue are due Tuesday by 10 p.m. Please submit articles to a new email: [communications@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:communications@mountcarmelmpls.org).

### 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.



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## 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. 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](http://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](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com))
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. (Contact Ralph Matthes, [marinosdelimpls@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bjhollister@comcast.net))

## 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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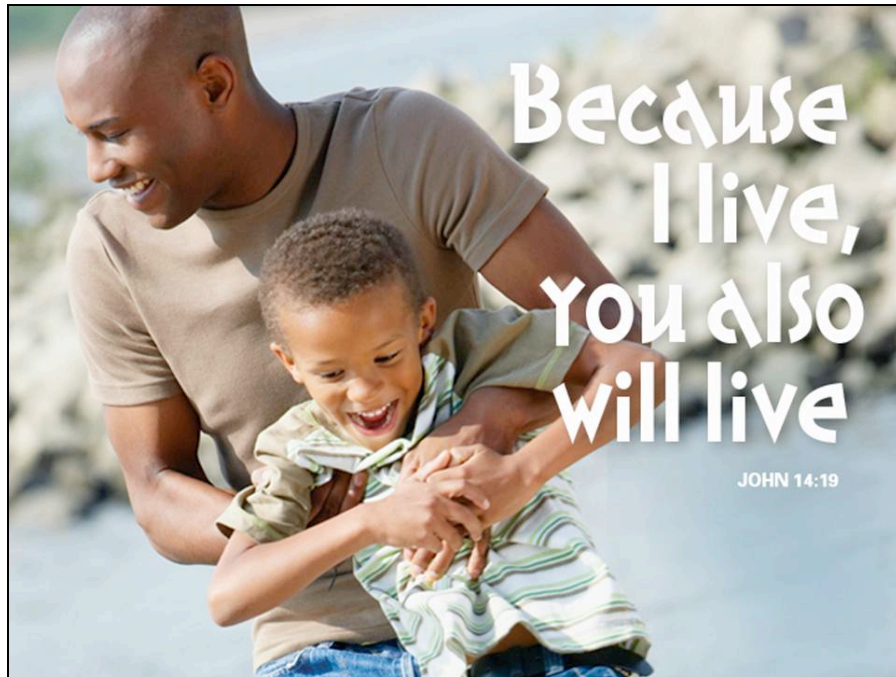


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## LARGE PRINT EDITION



*Christ our advocate*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*6 Easter + May 14, 2023*

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*Christ is the great ark who holds us and all living things  
Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy  
Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation.  
As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ  
dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism  
and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit  
will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*arr. R. Bills*

*"O Sing to the Lord / Humble Thyself in The Sight of The Lord"*

*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 822**

*"O Sing to the Lord"*

*stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5*

**1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.**

**Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.**

**Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.**

**Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.**

**For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.**

**For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.**

**Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!**

**For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!**

**For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!**

**Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

*Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English*

## **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** *in canon* (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!

*Text: Per Harling, b. 1945 © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress  
in North America, South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.  
In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,  
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,  
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.*

### **READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH**

*Paul's message to the Athenians*

Acts 17:22–31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who*

*will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

*Luke writes:*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

<sup>26</sup> “From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,  
‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

1 Peter 3:13–22

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God’s eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

<sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to

anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

Let us stand and welcome the gospel in song:

**C Let your Spirit guide our ways, Alleluia!  
Teach and dwell with us always. Alleluia!  
May your Spirit's presence be, Alleluia!  
Pledge of life eternally. Alleluia!**

(EASTER HYMN)

## GOSPEL

*Christ our advocate*

John 14:15–21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus said to the disciples:*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it

neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn)* ELW 449

"We Know that Christ Is Raised"

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**
  
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**
  
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!**
  
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932 © John B. Geyer



## **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.*

“This Joyful Eastertide ”

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.**

### **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**

"O Day of Resurrection"

*(hymn) ELW 361*

*stanzas 1, 3, 4*

- 1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.
  
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph  
and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,  
all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory  
ascribe to God alone!

*Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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

“Ancient of Days ”

*arr. Paul Taylor*



## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

Stephenie Labandz, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Dave Larson, Paul Lathrop, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *altar guild*

Dave Samletzka, Al Erickson, *ushers*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Myrna Flatland, *coffee hospitality*

Karl Breitbarth, *chancel flowers*

*in memory of Rick Nye on what would have been his 70th birthday*

*This service is being streamed live via the internet.*

## WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.

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