



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of May 21, 2023

SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE TODAY

Scouts Troop 132 are serving breakfast until 12:30 p.m. today. Buy your ticket in Fellowship Hall. Check out the bake sale, too!

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 and enter code MCCC at checkout to direct a portion of sales to the childcare! Ends May 29.

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 21 – Kevin Ziegler
- May 23 – Matt Nordeen
- May 24 – Tiffany Ruser
- May 26 – Barb Hollister, Michael Wiggen
- May 27 – Linda Jones

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Marlene Brown, recovering from hip surgery
- Duane Bills recovering from a fall
- Annette Dahl, recovering from a fall
- The family of Julie Van Dale, friend of Karl Breitbarth, on her passing on April 30
- The family of Karen Nolan, friend of Karl Breitbarth, on her passing on April 30
- The family of our member Ethel Antonson, who passed away May 6
- 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



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BETTER TOGETHER AT GA

Neighborhood Walks – First Thursdays and Third Sundays! You're invited to join our friends at Gustavus Adolphus for some exercise and fellowship.

- Thursday, June 1, 6:00 p.m. Meet at GA for a 2-mile walk that ends at Parkway Pizza. Bring money for ice cream if you'd like.
- Sunday June 18, after worship. Enjoy a shorter walk from GA to the Coffee Shop NE and back.

FELLOWSHIP MAY

- Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at Silverwood Park and on Zoom (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)

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.

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- Children's Worship Activity Bags
- Care Notes – Provided by our Befriender Ministry. Help yourself to this information located near the elevator.
- Altar Flowers – Sign up by the elevator. Bouquets are \$27 each.



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Christ present at all times and places

HOLY COMMUNION

*observing The Ascension of Our Lord
7 Easter + May 21, 2023*

Christ is the throne who welcomes us to sit with him

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

arr. John Sellers

"You Are Crowned with Many Crowns"

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

(hymn) 634
stanzas 1, 2, 6

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.**

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race

**now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.**

**6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!**

**We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

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!

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in North America, South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God,
your only Son was taken into the heavens
and in your presence intercedes for us.

Receive us and our prayers for all the world,
and in the end bring everything into your glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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

Jesus sends the apostles

Acts 1:1–11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

Luke writes:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Seeing the risen and ascended Christ

Ephesians 1:15–23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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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!

Though you reign from heaven above; Alleluia!

You surround us with your love. Alleluia! (EASTER HYMN)

GOSPEL

Christ present at all times and places

Luke 24:44–53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Shall Reign”

(hymn) ELW 434

stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

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.

“Rejoice, The Lord is King ”

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

Communion

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 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

"Christ Is Alive"

(hymn) 389
stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

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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*

Dave Olson, *assisting minister*

Karen Moeller, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Julie Larson, Eric Ruser, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *altar guild*

Dave Samletzka, Al Erickson, *ushers*

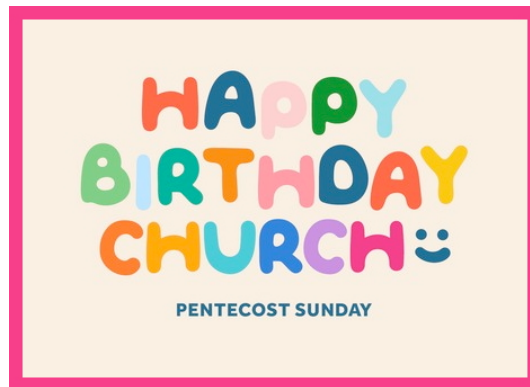
Al Erickson, *bus ministry*

Scouts Pancake Breakfast, *coffee hospitality*

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

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Pentecost birthday gift for the Church - May 28

Next Sunday, May 28, 2023 is Pentecost, the Church's birthday. Our congregation council has earmarked this year's birthday gift "special offering" for the "Close the Gap" project (One-for-Two Matching Challenge) as we work to begin strong in our ministry together with Pastor C. Plan today for a special birthday gift to the Church on May 28. We'll have birthday cake to celebrate. Red is the color for your party clothes.



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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

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.

Digital giving is available at Mt. Carmel. You can easily donate online through our website at mountcarmelmpls.org and click on **Give**. Mt. Carmel Lutheran is supported by generous people like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-781-2796.