



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of May 28, 2023

BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH – TODAY!

Today we celebrate **Pentecost**, the birth of our Church. 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.



CHILDCARE FUNDRAISER

Ends tomorrow! Go to simpls.com and enter code MCCC at checkout to direct a portion of sales to the childcare!

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, Leif Kutzer and Henrik Nordeen. We'll enjoy one of our favorite traditions, the Take Me Out to the Ballgame Luncheon.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN HELP

We could use a couple more people to assist in watering the Butterfly Garden. If you are interested in doing this, please, contact Dave Olson at 651-528-7459, or call the church office.

VANCO GIVING UPDATES

If you have changed your pledged amount for 2023 and use Vanco to give online, please make sure to logon to Vanco and update your account to reflect that change. If you'd like the office to make any updates for you, please fill out an authorization form. We cannot make changes to Vanco without your written consent. Thank you!

MEMORIAL INFORMATION – ETHEL ANTONSON

Ethel's family is having an informal memorial event at her residence in the community room at the Landings at Silver Lake, 2551 38th Ave. NE, St. Anthony on Sunday, 6/4/23 at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Marlene Brown, improving after a stroke and hip surgery
- Duane Bills recovering from a fall
- Annette Dahl, recovering from a fall
- 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.

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

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



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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 JUNE

- 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)

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to sponsor flowers for the altar, sign up in the Narthex and send a check to the office. Each bouquet is \$27. July-September sign up is posted!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 29 – Jill McMahon

June 1 – Brian Wirth



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HOLY COMMUNION

Day of Pentecost + May 28, 2023

*The fire of Christ's love encircles the planets and stars
At this liturgy we gather in vigilant prayer as the disciples did in
the days preceding Pentecost. Our world waits for an end to war
and violence. The whole creation waits for an end to suffering.
With undying hope we pray for the crowning gift of Easter—the
Spirit of the risen Christ among us.*

PRELUDE

"Song for the Nations"

arr. Chris Christensen

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Veni Sancte Spiritus"

(hymn) GATHER 478

choir sings verses, congregation repeats:

ostinato refrain:

C Ve – ni San – cte Spi – ri – tus.

Ve – ni San – cte Spi – ri – tus....

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

(hymn) ELW 627

stanzas 1, 2, 4

- 1** O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.

- 2** O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing.

- 4** God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.
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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 *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 and ever-living God,
you fulfilled the promise of Easter
by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit.
Look upon your people gathered in prayer,
open to receive the Spirit's flame.
May it come to rest in our hearts
and heal the divisions of word and tongue,
that with one voice and one song
we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit.

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

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Luke writes:

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

Paul writes to the church at Corinth:

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Let us stand and welcome the gospel in song:

**C Though our hearts be locked for fear, Alleluia!
Jesus, in our midst appear! Alleluia!
Breathe on us your Spirit's breath, Alleluia!
Power over sin and death. Alleluia!**

(EASTER HYMN)

GOSPEL

The Spirit poured out

John 20:19–23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

before the reading;

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit of Gentleness"

(*hymn*) ELW 396

stanzas 1, 3, 4

Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain***

**3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
*Refrain***

**4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

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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

“Sacred Fire” by Sara Class

*“Sacred Fire” by Sara Class was performed by Pretty Yende as an anthem at
the coronation of Charles III.*

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.*

“Filla-Me-Up ”

arr. Pepper Choplin, 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 The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills.
May the breath of the Spirit stir us into abundant life.
And 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

“Gracious Spirit”

(*hymn*) **ELW 401**
stanzas 1, 3, 5

**1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.**

Refrain

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain***

**5 Keep us fervent in our witness;
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain***

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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

arr. Chuck Marohnic

"I'm Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing "



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Al Erickson, *assisting minister*

Leona Olson, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Myrna Flatland, Patrick Lathrop, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *altar guild*

Dave Samletzka, Doug Jones, *ushers*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Nancy and Jim Felicetta, *coffee hospitality*

Jerry Frisco, *chancel flowers*

in memory of Julie Frisco

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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.

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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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