



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of June 25, 2023

CHANGES TO ONLINE STREAMING



We have decided to broadcast live worship only on YouTube beginning July 2. Our last Facebook Live stream will be Sunday, June 25.

Continue watching online by subscribing and bookmarking https://bit.ly/MtC_YouTube (or scan this QR code).

CLEAN UP ON JOHNSON ST. TODAY!

Join us for a neighborhood clean-up today. We'll meet outside the main entrance at 10:45 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.

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

The office will be closed on Fridays. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 25 – Meredith Jones
June 26 – Vicki Bowers
June 27 – Scott Wetterlund
June 28 – Trina Benedict

PROPERTY VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers on the Property Committee. Last week, Rich Feist, Jim Felicetta, Barb Hollister and Doug Jones worked together to maintain the handrail on the accessibility ramp. They spent a huge amount of time prepping, scraping and cleaning the rail prior to applying two

coats of paint. Thank you for your hard work. It looks great!

TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The tech team that runs our sound and video feed each week needs more members. Training provided. Contact the office for more information. Thanks!

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.

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, July 6 (tent.), 6:00 p.m. Meet at GA for a 2-mile walk that ends at Parkway Pizza.

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Sandy, Matt Nordeen's brother, starting radiation
- Meredith Jones, transitioning to hospice care
- Marlene Brown, improving after a stroke and hip surgery
- Annette Dahl, recovering from a fall
- Steve Metzler, Janell Wampler's friend, undergoing cancer treatment for a brain tumor

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



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HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

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

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 JULY

- 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. or as scheduled, in Fireside Room and online. (Contact Barb Hollister) bjhollister@comcast.net) Our next meeting is June. 29th.

SOFTBALL SCORES 17 RUNS - AGAIN!

Mt. Carmelites defeated the Eagles 17-3 for a 4th consecutive win! After accomplishing 17 runs for the 3rd week in a row, it seems that has become our magic number. The team started right off ending the first inning with an 8-0 lead, and the bats stayed alive throughout the game for the big win.

No game this week! See you at the NE Parade.

Join us Tuesday, June 27 for Fan Appreciation Night! Games at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. (double header). All fans treated to peanuts, popcorn, crackerjacks and beverages. We love our fans!

All games played at Lions Park in New Brighton (adjacent to Long Lake Regional Park) 1500 Old Highway 8. There are bleachers there or bring a lawn chair.



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HOLY COMMUNION

Thanksgiving for Pentecost generosity

June 25, 2023 + 9:30 am

The cost of discipleship

Learn Live and Share God's Word

In baptism we have been marked with the cross of Christ. God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever. And filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

arr. R. Bills

"Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty / Will You Come and Follow Me"

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders at the font.

GATHERING AROUND THE FONT

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider begins.

P We begin the day anew in baptism
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (69:16) (ICEL)

L Lord, commander of heaven's army,
may those who hope in you not be shamed because of me.

**C May those seeking you
not be humbled on my account,
Lord God of Israel.**

L I bear shame and insult
because I bear your name.

**C Rejected by my family,
I am a stranger to my kin.**

L My passion for your cause takes all my strength.
Insults meant for you now fall on me.

**C Despite my tears and fasting,
I only gained contempt.
Answer me, Lord,
turn to me with mercy and love.**

L Face me, I am desperate.
Answer your servant now.

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

P Let us pray. *(ELW psalm prayer)*

God of hope, in Christ's passover from death to life
you restore the fallen and restore the broken.

Turn to us in your great compassion,
and answer us with your unfailing help,
for you are the strength of your people;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 876

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

- 1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.**

- 2 Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**

- 3 Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"**

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.

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.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

We Listen to God's Word

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

FIRST READING *The prophet must speak* Jeremiah 20:7–13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b–11

Buried and raised with Christ in baptism

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing: setting 3; p. 142:

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *The cost of discipleship* **Matthew 10:24–39**

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve:

A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

(hymn) ELW 798

stanzas 1, 2, 4

**1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"**

**2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"**

**4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
In our Summer services the intercessions include a prayer of confession as we
prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Each petition concludes:
...in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

Prayer of the Day *concludes these prayers.*

P Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the
wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask
for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will,
Hear these our prayers and give us all that we need for this day
and the days to come; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

C Amen.

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving for Generosity

"Now Thank We All Our God "

instrumental

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C **God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

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

"Lamb of God"

setting 3; page 146

**C 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.**

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to you,
and nourished us at your table. Now send us forth to be
your people in the world; in Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

**We Are Sent
to Be God's Hands in the World**

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P May Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you,
and bring forth the bountiful gifts of the Spirit in your lives.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

) ELW 769
stanza 1, 3, 4

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love has found us.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

You are welcomed to be seated and enjoy the postlude if you wish.

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Brooke/Hintze

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Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*
Karen Moeller, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Myrna Flatland, Erik Ruser, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Doug & Linda Jones, *ushers*
Al Erickson, *bus ministry*
Nancy & Jim Felicetta, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Angela Jewell
in celebration of Meredith Jones on her 77th birthday.

*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex
or call the church office.*

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower level following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

Summer worship attendance

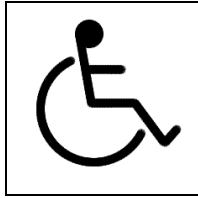
Thank you for considering sitting forward of the banners in the back of the sanctuary for this Summer season. Sitting closer together, and forward, when attendance is lower helps the assembly's worship in two ways:

- We sing better when we are closer together.
- We look better on the webcast when the assembly can be seen in the frame.

--- Worship & Music Team

Midsummer Prayer

Great Creator, Thank you for the cosmos, the sun, annual cycles and seasons. Give us the grace to see you as our Creator. As the sun cycles Lord, shine your light on us: the warmth of your presence, the brightness of your love is the radiance of our joy, and the shining of our hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Large print bulletins, assisted listening devices, and access seating are available to aid your participation in worship. Please inquire with an usher.



SummerFeast

Summer Sundays at Mt. Carmel
Come & See!

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.



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