



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of July 2, 2023

CHANGES TO ONLINE STREAMING



We decided to broadcast live worship only on YouTube beginning July 2.

Continue watching online by subscribing and bookmarking

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OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Ristuben - 07/03

JoAlice Boatright - 07/07

Marlene Brown - 07/09

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
- 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
- God's comfort and peace for the family of Meredith Jones as she mourns her death

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

FELLOWSHIP JULY

- No Good Fruits Bible Study—July 4th. Will be meeting July 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)



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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 it 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.

SOFTBALL BATS HOT!

Come see us - next game - July 11th- 6 PM. There are bleachers or bring a lawn chair.

Mt Carmelites celebrated their fans this week with a Double Header for entertainment and 33 total runs. Lots of excitement to cause cheer. Fans had lots of fun and so did the Team.

The Carmelites split with 1 loss and 1 win, however two great games. The first exciting game was a come from behind "almost". Opponents were behind 16-5 with the game ending with 16-14 loss for the Carmelites when the game was called on time.

The team continued their hitting into the second game when James Matthes led off with a HR over the fence. The Hit-Run-Score routine continued with some spectacular plays and Delaney Kohler managing two in the park HR's (one a grand slam) ending the second game a big win 17-5. This is the 4th game where Carmelites won with a score of 17. "17" still magic.

Next week there will be no game due to the 4th of July Holiday. Please Join us the following week July 11th - Games at 6 PM when we face "Straight outta Quarentine"

Fan Appreciation continuing - We still have baseball treats to share with our fans - Did I mention "we love our fans" !

Games played at Lions Park in New Brighton (adjacent to Long Lake Regional Park) 1500 Old Highway 8.

Hope to see you July 11th - last season game.

Play-offs start following week



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LARGE PRINT EDITION

HOLY COMMUNION



July 2, 2023 + 9:30 am
Welcome Christ in those Christ sends

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Jesus is God's free and endless cup of water for a thirsty world

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

"All Are Welcome / My Country 'tis of Thee" *arr. R. Bills*

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 89:1–4, 15–18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (ICEL)

L I sing your love all my days, Lord;
your faithfulness, from age to age.

**C I know your love is unending,
your fidelity outlasts the heavens.**

L "I, God, covenant with my chosen one,
I swear to David, my servant,
to establish your house forever,
to uphold your throne, from age to age."

C How your people rejoice! You summon us into your light.

L Lord, your name is our joy, and your justice, our strength.
You, our glory and power, favor us with victory.

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

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

Mighty God, in fulfillment of the promise made to David
you established a lasting covenant through Jesus, your beloved
Son. You anointed him and raised him higher than all kings on
earth. Remember your covenant, so that all who are marked
with the cross of your Son may sing of your mercies forever;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) ELW 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

**1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

**3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

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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 *Test of a true prophet* **Jeremiah 28:5–9**

Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction

should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12–23

No longer under law but under grace

Sin is an enslaving power that motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 10:40–42

Welcome Christ in those Christ sends

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve:

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 546

“To Be Your Presence”

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**

- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**

- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**

- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

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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 O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another. Receive 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.

"This Is the Day"

Jubilate Bells

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

(hymn) ELW 887

“This Is My Song”

**1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

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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*
Cheryl Sundly, *reader*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Jubilate Bells, *bell choir*
Dave & Julie Larson, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Rick Sundly, Dick Jacobson, *ushers*
Al Erickson, *bus ministry*
Karen Moeller, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers and fellowship this weekend are sponsored by Foy Christopherson on his June 29 ordination anniversary.
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

Independence holiday at Mt. Carmel

The office and childcare center will be closed Monday – Tuesday, July 3-4.
Major maintenance projects are scheduled to take advantage of this time.

We will reopen on Wednesday, June 5.

Worship & Music team does not meet in July.

The office is closed (summer hours) on Friday, July 7.

Weekly publications are being prepared in advance.

Pastor C is not traveling and will be around and on call all week.

Email or call his mobile phone to contact him.

Independence Day prayer

Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

Inquirers' coffee July 9

Grab a cup of coffee and sit down with Pastor C at his table in the lower level during fellowship next Sunday. This opportunity for conversation is held monthly (more or less) for guests or inquirers to visit about becoming more actively involved in our life at Mt. Carmel.

Get our social media numbers up

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel and Pastor C's twitter feed to help with the algorithms.

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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