



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of July 16, 2023

CONFIRMATION MEETING TODAY

Parents of confirmation age children please meet in the Fireside Room after the service. We'll discuss options for programming in the coming year. Volunteers interested in working with this age group are welcome to attend as well!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – PACK AT THE PARK EVENT

We were able to secure the last 16 spaces for the annual Pack at the Park – Target Field - packing event! Those of you who have joined us in the past know how fun it is to spend a couple hours enjoying the atmosphere at Target Field but also helping to pack nutritious meals that help kids in hunger around the world. (Check out FMSC.org if you would like information regarding the FMSC mission.)

Our time slot is Tuesday, August 22, 2023 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. We will meet outside gate 29 at approximately 8:50. I'm looking for 14 additional packers to join Al and me. Minimum age is 5. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to join this group or have any questions, please text or call: 763-226-8391 or email ajajeric@gmail.com. These spots will go quickly – don't delay!

Until all are fed, Audrey Erickson

CALLING ALL WOULD BE SINGERS!

July 30, Pop-Up choir for 9:30 service. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Hymn is Seek Ye First. Easy to learn and fun to sing. All ages welcome. Come join us!

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!

TWITTER AND YOUTUBE

Please subscribe to the Mt. Carmel YouTube channel so we can increase our online presence. Be sure to follow Pastor Christopherson's Twitter feed as well: <https://twitter.com/PastorDFoyC>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 16 – Barb Thorson
July 17 – Lori Swanson, Tim Quinlan
July 18 – Darryl Hendrickson
July 20 – Bryan Jones
July 21 – Joh Partyka

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAG

Fun at home, vacation and on the road

Do you need a non-screen, easy to use, activity choice for your kiddos? Together you and your child/grandchild can use these activity bags at home, on vacation, and in the car. They hold a Bible themed coloring and activity book, children's Bible, crayons and markers, stuffed toys, crafts and other items. The red bags are geared for pre-readers and the blue bags for readers. They are found on the Book Bus (library cart) in the Fellowship Hall and the library collection in the Fireside Room at Mt. Carmel. When finished, return bags to the container marked "returns" in either location. If you have any questions or have ideas for items for these activities bags, contact Janell Wampler at janell.wampler@gmail.com or 612-978-0564.



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JOY GROUP – AUG 17

It's time for our "Minnesota Get-Together" event as we celebrate the upcoming Minnesota State Fair. We will meet on Thursday, August 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious lunch of State Fair treats, fun, and fellowship. Please let me (Karen Moeller) know (612-619-3743) if you plan on attending by Sunday, August 13th. Also, let me know how many corn dogs you would like. A good time will be had by all so hope to see you there!

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- 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 they mourn 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

- Good Fruits Bible Study— 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—Meets every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or as scheduled, 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 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.

MT. CARMELITES SOFTBALL

Play-offs start this Tuesday!

Fan Appreciation continues - 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. There are bleachers or bring a lawn chair.

PRAYER CHAIN

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



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LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

July 16, 2023 + 9:30 am

The parable of the sower and the seed

Learn Live and Share God's Word

*Jesus, the seed of God's love,
is planted in the soil of human life*

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

**We Gather
to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism**

PRELUDE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Robert Lowry

Jenny Focht, flute

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 65:4-13

Your paths overflow with plenty. (65:11)

(ICEL)

L Happy are those you invite and then welcome to your courts.

**C Fill us with the plenty of your house,
the holiness of your temple.**

L You give victory in answer to our prayer.

**C You inspire awe, God, our savior,
hope of distant lands and waters.**

L Clothed in power, you steady the mountains;
you still the roaring seas, restless waves, raging nations.

**C People everywhere stand amazed at what you do,
east and west shout for joy.**

L You tend and water the land. How wonderful the harvest!

C You fill your springs, Ready the seeds, prepare the grain.

L You soak the furrows and level the ridges.

C With softening rain you bless the land with growth.

L You crown the year with riches. All you touch comes alive:

C untilled lands yield crops, hills are dressed in joy.

**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)

Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty,

abundance, and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs we may see the splendor of your love and may praise you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(hymn) **W&P 22**

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

stanza 1-4

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

- 2 You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

- 3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

- 4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

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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 *The growth of the word* Isaiah 55:10–13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1–11

Living according to the Spirit

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Paul writes to the church at Rome:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit

that dwells in you.

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 13:1–9, 18–23

The parable of the sower and the seed

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and

snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation ”

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring**

for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3** For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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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 Almighty God.

we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,
live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love;
Receive our prayers and give us all that we need for this day
and the days to come; in Jesus' name we pray.

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.

"Borning Cry"

Jenny Focht, *flute*

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 670

“Build Us Up Lord”

- 1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will;
form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world:
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.**

Refrain

**Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!**

- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears;
help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain***

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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.

“Build Us Up Lord”

Glaeser and Hanna

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Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Linda Jones, *assisting minister*

Dave Olson, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Jenny Focht, *flute*

Myrna Flatland, Erik Ruser, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Rick Sundly, Dick Jacobson, *ushers*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Sinéad Carolan, Greta Kutzer, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Brian & Jodi Wirth
in honor of their 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



Calling all would-be singers for July 30!

We're planning a pop-up choir for the 9:30 service on July 30. Meet at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. The hymn is "Seek Ye First." It's easy to learn and fun to sing. All ages welcome. Come join us July 30!

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

Get our social media numbers up

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



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



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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