



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the week of September 17, 2023**

**A parable of forgiveness**

**Homecoming weekend – Come home to the cross**

### Homecoming 2023

**Today - Rally around the cross**

As we begin a new program year and a fresh start, we welcome all home to the cross, By God's grace we begin each day, each week anew, each year through the covenant of Holy Baptism. Join us in a homecoming meal immediately after worship; with all-congregation inter-generational activity.

If there are Carmelites you've been missing, give them a call and tell them. All the things in store for Autumn can be found in the Sept/Oct Tidings.

**Sunday, Sept. 24 – Sunday School & forums resume**

Sept. 24 faith formation sessions resume in earnest. We have up to six options to choose from: Sunday School for Pre-K through K; Sunday School for older kids; Youth forum for kids in confirmation through high school; Adult forum for high school through jubilarians; coffee hour; & Dwelling in the Word discussion around the Sunday readings.

### Holy Cross Art Show

There's still time to bring a cross this week to display at our congregational art gallery of the crosses in our life.

### Salty Carmel Serving Team

The sign up sheet for Serving Teams for upcoming months is posted near the elevator in the narthex. We'd welcome three additional households for the month.

### Bell Choir Workshop

Learn to play handbells at this Monday workshop series. Contact Ruth Bills.

### Soup-er Wednesdays in September

Join us for supper on Wednesday evenings in September. All are invited.

### Autumn Adult Forum

**Sept. 24 – Ministry Team/Cluster leaders meeting:** a discussion of the logistics of our life together as our various program areas seek to accomplish their work – scheduling, process, tactics, goals, communication, facilities, etc.

**Oct. 1 – Discuss our partner ministries with President Karen Moeller:** in Northeast, throughout the ELCA and beyond, CASA, MCCC, Better Together with GA, quilt and craft week, Trunk or Treat, VBS, etc. – the together way

**Oct. 8 – What are they saying about Philippians:** Dave Olson will lead us in a overview of Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. This letter forms the basis of many of the lectionary epistle readings in Sept/Oct this year.

### Good Fruits Bible Study

This small Bible study group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:30. We are beginning a new series from the Women of the ELCA magazine. It's free on their website. Contact Leona. Email [onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com) or call 612-859-7075

### Tech Volunteers Needed!

**The time is now.** The tech team that runs our sound and video feed each week needs more members. Training is provided. Contact the office.

### Confirmation – Bible Year Intergenerational Version

Join the confirmation class for a year through the Bible. Reading assignments will be published weekly. Order the book "Manna & Mercy" from the office. (backordered) This week –

- Pick up a copy of chapters 2-3 from the office
- Read Chapter 2 "God Births a People" (3 pg. long)
- Read Genesis 12:1-6; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;
- Exodus 1:1 – 3:8; Exodus 6:28 – 15:21

On Oct. 22 we'll have our first **joint youth/adult Small Catechism reread** (as in tires). It will be review for both groups. The topic: Sacraments, specifically Holy Baptism. We'll review the whole catechism (Lord's Prayer, Sacraments, 10 Commandments, & Apostles' Creed over this program year.



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## HEAR OUR PRAYER, O GOD

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

### GRIEVING

- Russ Ingebretson & family, on the death of Arlyne

### HEALING

- Kathy Halverson, for strength & healing

### HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM CARE

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

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- Sept. 17 – Val Hendrickson
- Sept. 18 – Stephanie Swingen
- Sept. 19 – Wayne Halverson
- Sept. 22 – Bev Lerold
- Sept. 24 – Linda Lee

## PRAYER CHAIN

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

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sept 24 9:30 Holy Communion

The parable of the vineyard workers

The parable we hear next Sunday might strike church-goers as troubling: what, shouldn't we get paid more if we work longer hours?! The last shall be first? In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars. Come to worship, to meditate on the good news found in this story and to receive the meal of God's mercy.

- Coffee fellowship outdoors (weather permitting; or in the fireside lounge)
- Faith formation forums, Sunday school resume
- Adult forum: All ministry team leaders meeting (logistics)

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SU, Sept. 17	Holy Communion, Homecoming lunch, Casa worship
M, Sept. 18	Handbell playing workshop, AA
TU, Sept. 19	Good Fruits bible study, Scouts, Mt.C Foundation mtg, Casa class
W, Sept 20	Men's bible study, Fitness class Soup, Bells, Confirmation, Choir
TH, Sept. 21	Youth group game night?, Scouts, Book club
SU, Sept. 24	Holy Communion, Coffee on the plaza/FR, Sun School, Youth & Adult forums, Casa worship & event

## MT CARMEL METRICS

Annual Budget	\$303,679.
YTD budget (36 weeks)	\$210,240.
YTD received	
Needed weekly	\$5,840. (annual/52 wks)
Received last week	\$1,127; 4,006. (Sept. 3)
Attendance last Sunday:	72

## AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- Children's worship activity bags
- Care Notes – Provided by our BeFriender ministry. Help yourself to these resources near the elevator.
- Chancel Flowers – Sign up by the elevator. \$27 each.
- Salty Carmel serving teams - Sign up by the elevator

## COMMUNICATIONS EMAIL

Send announcements & articles to

[communications@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:communications@mountcarmelmpls.org). Indicate where your message should be shared and which weeks/month it should be included. Include a *short* version of your message for the Sunday announcements please!

## REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Thank you for supporting our congregation with your financial contributions. There are several ways to give:

- Mail your check or drop it in our secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.

Thank you for your generosity.

## KIDS TABLE

If your wee worshipers are wiggly check out our new kids table just below the pulpit, and near the quick exit.



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# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Homecoming:  
Come home to the cross*

Sept. 17, 2023 + 9:30 am  
*A parable of forgiveness*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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*Christ is our forgiveness when we have done wrong to each other. The idea of homecoming seems to cover more than a day. It covers a month or so, if not our whole lives. We all have homecoming to do. Marked by the holy cross in baptism, throughout our lives we acclaim the cross as the sign of the world's salvation. As we gather back together for a new program year, with our new pastor, after long interims, and the pandemic, come home to a new start in our life together at Mt. Carmel. In today's gospel Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy and eagerness to welcome us home. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### **PRELUDE**

"Come All You People / All Are Welcome" *arr. R. Bills*

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the leaders at back of the church.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Children are invited to gather at the back of the church to join in the procession.*

"We Are Marching in the Light"

**We are marching in the light of God.** *(4 times repeated)*

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.** *(and repeat)*

*additional stanzas ad lib:*

**We are dancing . . . We are praying . . . We are singing . . .**

**PROFESSIONAL HYMN**

*(hymn)* W&P 22

**“Bring Forth the Kingdom”**

- 1 You are the salt of 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:  
grow in 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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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be God: the one who forms us from the earth,  
‡ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C **Our hands were empty and you filled them.**

A We need water to drink:

C **We need water to wash.**

A We need water to grow:

C **We praise you, O God, for water.**

A We praise you, O God, for water:

C **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

A We praise you, O God, for your Word:

C **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

A We praise you, O God, for your Spirit upon the waters.

C **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

A Word and Spirit: extraordinary promises upon the waters.

C **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lift High the Cross”

*(hymn)* ELW 660

*stanza 1 & 4*

*Refrain*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

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## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge,  
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.  
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore  
you,  
that we may delight in doing your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song*

## **BLESSING OF FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS AND LEARNERS**

### **CHILDREN'S WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING**

*see Scripture insert*

*Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

**Genesis 50:15–21**

*After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"<sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died,<sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.<sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your

slaves.”

<sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?

<sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 98:1-4 (ELW)

*The LORD has done marvelous things. (98:1)*

*Proclaimed antiphonally by the assembly,*

*beginning organ/lectern side C-LEFT; then pulpit side C-RIGHT*

**CL** May I never boast of anything  
except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Galatians 6:14)  
Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous  
things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**CR** **O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight<sup>1</sup> of the  
nations.**

**CL** You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**CR** **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
May I never boast of anything  
except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Galatians 6:14)**

**P** Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he  
might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look  
upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## HOLY CROSS DAY SECOND READING

*see Scripture insert*  
1 Corinthians 1:18-24

*The cross is the power of God to those who are being saved  
At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.*

*Paul writes to the church in Corinth:*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:            setting 10 p. 205:*

**C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us;**

**speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**



## GOSPEL

*see Scripture insert*

*A parable of forgiveness*

**Matthew 18:21–35**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

<sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

<sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

<sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **C Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn)* ELW 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.**
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,  
God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love God in return.**
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.**
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.**
- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.**

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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 confess 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.  
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.**

**P** Receive all these our prayers; and give us all that we need for  
this day and the days to come; in Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **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.*

**"We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light"**

*H. Hopson*

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray together.

**C** God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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:

*setting 10; page 207*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n 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 (1789)**

**C Our Father who art heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table**

**Communion**

*"Lamb of God"*

*setting 10; page 208*

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave:  
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.**

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

**Prayer after Communion**

**A Let us pray.**

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,  
our joy and delight. Strengthened by this meal fellowship,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

# SENDING

*We are sent to be God's hands in the world*

## BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you,  
and direct your days and your deeds in peace.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*(hymn)* W&P 125

"Sing a New Song"

*Refrain*

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

- 1 Yahweh's people dance for joy;  
oh, come before the Lord,  
and praise the Lord on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain***
- 2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Savior now has come.  
The Lord has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain***
- 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives. *Refrain***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“We Are Called”

D. Hass

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

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Sandy Bauer, *assisting minister*

Sinéad Carolan, *reader*

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Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Chancel Choir

Myrna Flatland, Eric Ruser, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*

Rich Feist, *bus ministry*

We Gather Together, *lunch hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given to the glory of God.

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

*Please join us for a homecoming lunch in the lower level following worship.*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

## Welcome Home to the Cross!

*Our shelter in the time of trouble*

As we begin a new program year and a fresh start, we welcome all home to the cross, By God’s grace we begin each day, each week anew, each year through the covenant of Holy Baptism. Join us in a homecoming meal immediately after worship; with all-congregation inter-generational activity. Sunday faith formation resumes for all ages resumes after worship next Sunday.

## **Holy Cross Day**

*Come home to the cross from which Christ reigns*

In remembrance of baptism, many Christians make the sign of the cross. We are the people marked with Jesus' cross. But that cross is costly, and those who bear it must be prepared to let go of everything in order to take up the new life of the crucified and risen Christ. The festival of the Holy Cross began in Jerusalem in the early fourth century when a church was built over the place of the crucifixion. The forty-day period between August 6 (one of several dates Transfiguration is observed) and September 14 became a special season to honor the central symbol of the Christian faith. This day turns the church toward the crucified Lord who became one with the poor, the outcast, the little ones of this world. Marked by the holy cross in baptism, throughout our lives we acclaim the cross as the sign of the world's salvation.

Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the *cross*.

### **Ministry team leaders meeting**

**Sunday, September 24 - 10:45 am**

We'll talk process, tactics & goals as we work to be on one page as leaders of a whole variety of ministries, to keep focus on our common mission.

### **Congregational life discussions continue:**

*ministry partners - the together way*

**Sunday, October 1 - 10:45 am**

President Karen Moeller will lead us in a discussion about the whole variety of ministries with whom we partner from day to day.

### **Serving Team members for October**

Sign up in the narthex to join the Salty Carmel Serving Team for October. We'd welcome three more households for the month.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.



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