

### For the week of November 19, 2023

Slaves entrusted with talents

#### BEHOLD! I AM DOING A NEW THING

#### Today – Faith Commitment Sunday

Thank you for your generosity today as we make our 2024 financial commitments to our work as the Body of Christ. Our generosity to Mt. Carmel is an important part of our Christian faith. Our offerings do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world. Like our children standing in the offering plate, our financial stewardship is a symbol of our whole life of service to God and neighbor. Luther teases us in these days by asserting that the last thing in our lives to be given over to the gospel will be our wallets.

#### All join in a processional offering

We will offer our gifts and pledges today in a **processional offering** today. At the offering you will be invited forward (like at Communion) to place your gifts and faith promises in a large basket. Ushers will bring an offering plate to you if your mobility is limited. Annual commitment cards are in the pew backs. Weekly offerings may be brought forward as well. You may use the envelope or a commitment card from the pew if you have already recorded your intentions. Children are invited to participate as well.

#### PCYC CHILDREN'S GIFT SALE

Mt. Carmel is again collecting gifts and toys for PCYC's (Plymouth Christian Youth Center) 57<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Gift Sale on December 9. 3,000 gifts will be needed to make the holidays brighter for North Minneapolis youth who will shop for gifts to give to their loved ones at the 2023 Gift Sale Store in the Capri. Your household can help make this year's event happen once again. Purchase NEW unused gift items for all ages, valued at \$10-\$25. If you need some suggestions for gifts visit their website (link in weekly Tidings e-news). Please bring your unwrapped gifts and deposit them in the box outside of the church office prior to December 2.

If you have questions, contact Lynette or Lory Dubbels at 612/788-7785 or via email at <u>dubbels2234@q.com</u>.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

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

#### NOMINATING LEADERS

Feeling called to lead? Patrick Kutzer and Pastor C are seeking innovative people for our Congregation Council.

#### AUTUMN ADULT FORUM

Nov. 19 – Building the 2024 church year
Nov. 26 – Advent Journey with pie (for all ages)
Dec. 3 – 2024 is the Year of Mark in worship
Dec. 10 – Special Congregation Meetings

#### OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF CORPORATION MEETINGS

#### Special Congregation Meeting #1

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Purpose: Election of Congregation Council This is to announce a special Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 immediately following the worship service at approximately 10:45 am. The purpose of this special meeting is to elect new council members for a three-year term beginning in 2024.

#### Special Congregation Meeting #2

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Purpose: Approval of Updated Church Constitution This is to announce a special Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 immediately following the worship service and the conclusion of the election of council meeting. The purpose of this special meeting is to approve the updated Mt. Carmel church constitution. Copies to review before the meeting are available on-line or from the office.

#### HEAR OUR PRAYER, O GOD

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

HEALING: Russ Ingebretson, Annette Dahl, Dave Johnson

#### HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM CARE:

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

#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:**

- Nov. 19 Mary Gursky, Dawn Maruska
- Nov. 21 Dave Johnson
- Nov. 25 Jeanette Burmeister
- Nov. 26 Carol Panning, Matti Gurney



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#### CONFIRMATION – BIBLE YEAR INTERGENERATIONAL VERSION

Join the confirmation class for a year through the Bible. Reading assignments are published here weekly. Get the book "Manna & Mercy" from Pastor C or the office.

Select a bible reading to read at your thanksgiving dinner or to your family: (Some suggestions) Psalms 46, 51, 65, 95, 100, 121, 126, 143, 150 Deut 8:7-18; 26:1-11; Joel 2:21-27; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Philippians 4:4-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33 Luke 17:11-19; John 6:25-35 Catch up on: memory work, worship notes, past reading No class Wed., Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Break

#### Prepare for Wed., Nov. 29 class:

Isaiah 55:1-11 - Owen Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 - Asher Isaiah 12:2-6 - Tessa Isaiah 61:1-11 - Zoe Deuteronomy 32:1-43 - Frida Deuteronomy 32:44-52 - Greta Jeremiah 14:14-16 - Nora Everybody read Manna & Mercy ch 7 (God Sends Prophets)

#### **POSITION POSTING**

#### Seeking an Administrative and Volunteer Coordinator

responsible for the administrative function of the church including managing the financials, communications, administrative duties, coordination of volunteers and supporting the needs of church leadership. Flexible 20-25 hours per week. Minimum 3 years in an administrative support role required, non-profit experience preferred, MS Office experience required, proven prioritization and organizational skills, strong verbal and written communication skills, attention to detail and familiarity with the Lutheran Church and its liturgy preferred. Send resumes to Lynette Dubbels office@mountcarmelmpls.org.

#### 2024 CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR FOR YOUR ELECTRONIC CALENDAR

Download the 2024 church year calendar to add to your own desktop, calendar, or smartphone for free! Includes Sundays of the church year, holidays, appointed scripture readings. The .ics file can be imported into Google Calendar, iCal, Outlook, and other standard calendar programs. Download free from Augsburg Fortress. (Link in the weekly E-Tidings)

**2024 wall calendars** from Washburn-McReavy are available in the narthex.

#### YOU CAN HELP

November is a three payroll month and falls at the end of the 2023 budget year in which we approved a deficit budget. Please be sure your giving plan is up to date or make a November stretch gift to help us keep our momentum going and end this budget year strong.

#### MT. CARMEL METRICS

Annual Budget	\$303,679.	
YTD budget (45 weeks)	\$262,800.	
YTD received	\$245,150.	
YTD expenses	\$242,320.	
Needed weekly	\$5,840.	(annual/52 wks)
Received last week	\$1,651.	

Attendance last Sunday: 67

#### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SU, Nov. 19	Faith promises received – proc. offering,
	Holy Communion, Sunday School,
	Youth forum, Adult forum
M, Nov. 20	Childcare board mtg; AA
TU, Nov. 21	Good Fruits bible study, Scouts,
	MCCC bread sale delivery
	Foundation board mtg
W, Nov. 22	Men's bible study, Fitness class,
	No evening events – Thanksgiving break
TH, Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Day holiday, office closed
SU, Nov. 25	Holy Communion,
	Advent Journey event for all ages

#### **COFFEE & OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

The November/December coffee server sign-up has been posted by the serving windows in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to serve in the last few months.

We are in the hiring process but could still use volunteer assistance to cover the office in the interim. Contact Karen Moeller to volunteer for these opportunities! Thanks to all!

#### SCOUT WREATH PICK-UP

For those who ordered a wreath item from the Scouts through the church order, we will have those available for you to pick up after the Nov.19 service. They will be at bottom of stairwell by the Scout Room 101. Thank you for supporting the Scouts at Mt Carmel! Those that don't pick up 11/19 will be contacted by Jim Evans for arrangements.

#### MT CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# LARGE PRINT EDITION



# HOLY COMMUNION

Processional offering of gifts & faith promises

November 19, 2023 + 9:30 am *Slaves entrusted with talents* 

Learn Live and Share God's Word

### Christ is God's joyful welcome to all people

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

# GATHERING

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

#### PRELUDE

Allen, Kohn

"My Lord of Light / All Creatures Worship God Most High"

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

### GATHERING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

(hymn) ELW 815

### Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
  I want to look at Jesus.
  Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
  I want to be with Jesus.
  When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *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.

### **BENEDICITE MINNESOTA**

- A O give thanks to our God who is good;
- C whose love endures forever.
- P Sun and moon and stars, lights of the northern sky:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- A Sunrise and sunset, day and night:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- P Hills and valleys, pine forests and grasslands, glacial lakes, riverbanks and boundary waters, shelter belts and tall-grass prairies, headwaters and Superior:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.

- A Rivers and streams, bogs and moraines, frost and ice, snow and rain, ponds and lakes, laughing waters:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- P Maples and pines, cottonwood and dogwood, elm and ash, corn and oats, wheat and soybeans, wild rice and alfalfa, ragweed and thistle:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- A Walleye and sunfish, badger and deer, eagle and loon, moose and elk:

## give to our God thanks and praise.

- P Rabbits and cattle, mosquitoes and moths, cats and bears, wolves and dogs, robins and bees, sparrows and cardinals and squirrels, sheep and pigs, owls and hawks:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- A All peoples who inhabit water bathed Minnesota:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- P All you saints and martyrs of the Prairies and North Woods:
- C give to our God thanks and praise.
- A O give thanks to our God who is good;
- C whose love endures forever.

## **ANTHEM**

"O How Wonderful Is the Lord"

Jay Althouse

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful lord, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, 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

### CHILDREN'S WORD

### FIRST READING

The day of the Lord

### *see Scripture insert* Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

So teach us to number our days (ICEL) that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (90:12)

- A Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- C Teach us to make use of our days and bring wisdom to our hearts.
- A You have been our haven, Lord, from generation to generation.
- C Before the mountains existed, before the earth was born, from age to age you are God.
- A You return us to dust, children of earth back to earth.
- C For in your eyes a thousand years are like a single day: they pass with the swiftness of sleep.
- A You sweep away the years as sleep passes at dawn,
- C like grass that springs up in the day and is withered by evening.
- A For we perish at your wrath, your anger strikes terror. You lay bare our sins in the piercing light of your presence.
- C Teach us to make use of our days and bring wisdom to our hearts.

## SECOND READING

*see Scripture insert* 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

*Be alert for the day of the Lord* 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 *Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.* 

Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

<sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do,

but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God, word of life.

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* Matthew 25:14–30

Slaves entrusted with talents Matthew 25:14–30 Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says:

"It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup> "The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master

said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

<sup>29</sup> "For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

### SERMON

### HYMN

(*hymn*) **WOV 778** 

"O Christ the Same"

1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

- 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide; still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love in triumph glorified.
  O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
  O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
- 3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain; our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee; O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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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 November services the intercessions include a prayer of confession as we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Each petition concludes: ...Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

# 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.

### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY –**

Behold, I am doing anew thing...

### **OFFERING**

We offer our gifts and pledges today in a processional offering today. You are invited forward (like at Communion) to place your gifts and faith promises in a large basket. Ushers will bring an offering plate to you if your mobility is limited. Annual commitment cards are in the pew backs. Weekly offerings may be brought forward as well. You may use the envelope or a commitment card from the pew if you have already recorded your intentions. Children are invited to participate as well.

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 stand for the offertory prayer. Thank you for your generosity.

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. John Carter

**Offertory & Faith Commitments Prayer** 

- A Let us pray together.
- C God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring these offerings to the table, our offerings and our faith promises for the year to come. Make these gifts and intentions signs of our love for you and our care for our neighbor. As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills are gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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:
- 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.

O God, the host at every meal,

At this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for all of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

# **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING OF ENTREPENEURS & RETAIL WORKERS**

# BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

#### Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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#### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God's Word endures forever. C **Thanks be to God.** 

#### POSTLUDE

"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" You are welcomed to be seated and enjoy the postlude if you wish.

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(hymn) ELW 674



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**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Brian & Jodie Wirth in memory of Grandma Osmundson. *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.* 

### 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 <u>pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org</u>

**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 <u>pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org</u> 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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