



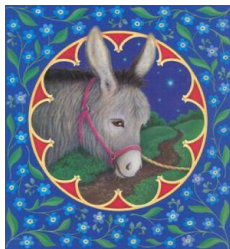
# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the week of December 17, 2023**  
**3 Advent – A witness to the light**

### BEHOLD! I AM DOING A NEW THING

Thank you for your faithful response in making your faith commitments for 2024. Pledge cards are still available and may be mailed to the office any time. Pick one up in the narthex or the church office.



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank you to the Sunday School, Ruth Bills and Trina Benedict for preparing the Christmas program of Gracie the Donkey and the Friendly Beasts this morning!

### 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 four households for each month.

### SPECIAL MEETING ACTIONS

At Sunday's special meeting we elected Trina Benedict and Jim Felicetta, and re-elected Doug Jones to the council. Thank you to Dave Larson (2nd term) and Doug Jones (1st term) who are concluding council terms.

The revised congregation constitution was also adopted on Sunday. It will appear again on the annual meeting agenda for its final ratification vote.

### END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our fiscal year ends Dec. 31, 2023. Cash and checks received by the church office on or before that date will be recorded on your 2023 Mt. Carmel giving statement. We will post checks received in the mail after Dec. 31 only if the check is dated Dec. 31st or before and the envelope carrying the check is postmarked Dec. 31 or before. All financial gifts and offerings received after Dec. 31 will be posted to the 2024 first quarter statement. Thank you for your generosity!

### UGLY GINGERBREAD!

Our youth are having an "ugly gingerbread-person" contest today during fellowship time. You will be given one free ticket to vote for the one you think is the "ugliest"! If you would like, you can purchase more tickets to "stuff the ballot" for the one you want to win. This is a fund raiser for our youth program. They had a ball making them last weekend when they baked the cookies we had for fellowship last Sunday. Thanks to all the youth and parents who made this possible.



### ANNUAL REPORTS 2023 – DUE JAN. 7

Thanks to Lory Dubbels for volunteering to assemble our 2023 Annual Report. Please complete and submit all no later than January 7. Please send them to: [communications@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:communications@mountcarmelmpls.org). If you have any questions regarding the Annual Report, contact Lory.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following morning worship.

### HEAR OUR PRAYER, O GOD

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

**BAPTISM:** Augustus Patrick Uhrich, Dec. 3, 2023

**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:

- Dec. 17 – Brian Doolittle
- Dec. 22 – Dylan Evans, Greta Kutzer
- Dec. 23 – Gloria Anderson, Henrik Nordeen
- Dec. 25 – Baby Jesus

### PRAYER CHAIN

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



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## CONFIRMATION – BIBLE YEAR INTERGENERATIONAL VERSION

Confirmation and Wednesday soup suppers resume in the new year. Use the Christmas break to catch up or review chapters 2-9 in **Manna & Mercy**.

January 3 – finish the Joseph movie

January 10 – Old Testament review

January 17 – Genesis (M&M chapter 1)

January 24 – begin the New Testament

## GREAT JOB HEAVENLY BENEFITS

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](mailto:office@mountcarmelmpls.org).

## HOLIDAY BLUES?

A popular Christmas song reminds us that “this is the happiest time of the year.” But if you’ve lost a loved one, struggled with a broken relationship, or suffer from seasonal affect disorder (SAD) this season can be difficult and depressing. If any of these situations apply for you or someone you know, the Befrienders invite you to pick up one or more of the new seasonal Care Notes on this topic on the pamphlet rack in the narthex. If you would like to talk with one of our Befrienders, please call the Church Office or Dave Olson at 651-528-7459.

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SU, Dec. 17	Holy Communion, Christmas program, coffee, cocoa & cookie exchange
M, Dec. 18	AA
TU, Dec. 19	Good Fruits bible study, Foundation Scouts holiday event
W, Dec. 20	Men’s bible study, Fitness class, Bells, Choir
TH, Dec. 21	MCCC Holiday program
FR, Dec. 22	Office, MCCC closed
SU, Dec. 24	Advent 4 Holy Communion 9:30 am Christmas Eve Holy Communion 4 pm
M, Dec 25	Office, MCCC closed - Merry Christmas!

## MT. CARMEL METRICS

Annual Budget	\$303,679.
YTD budget (49 weeks)	\$286,160.
YTD received	\$271,454.
YTD expenses	<u>\$261,869.</u>
	\$9,585.
Needed weekly	\$5,840. (annual/52 wks)
Received last week	\$3,901.

Attendance last Sunday: 63

## GIVE TO PEACE HOUSE THRU FEB

The Peace House Community need heavy socks, handwarmers, gloves, and hats as well as the items below. (New and unopened items appreciated)

- Underpants (men’s and women’s, sizes medium to extra-large), Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar soap, body wash, Wash cloths, Tampons & sanitary pads, Deodorant (men’s & women’s), Razors (men’s & women’s) and shaving cream, Individual packs of Kleenex, Body lotion, cocoa butter, Chapstick, Hair brushes, First aid kits, Band-Aids, Nail clippers

Circle of Friends will collect these items through February 2024. Find the box clearly marked for Peace House donations outside church office. Contact: Diane Langer



**Worship in the Twelve Days of Christmas**

9:30 am **Sunday, Dec 24** – 4 Advent  
Holy Communion

4:00 pm **Sunday, Dec 24** – Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion, family friendly  
& candlelight *Silent Night*

9:30 am **Sunday, Dec 31** – 1 Christmas  
Holy Communion – Epiphany of Our Lord  
Visit of the Magi gospel

Love your church? Invite a friend, co-worker or neighbor to Christmas worship! If not you, who?



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# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*3 Advent  
Christmas Program*

December 17, 2023 + 9:30 am  
*A witness to the light*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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### *God anoints us with Jesus, the oil of gladness*

*“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from First Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of the spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes that make us feel happy just to put on. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.*

## **gathering**

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

### **PRELUDE**

*arr. M. Thompson*

*“Good Christian Friends / O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

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

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

*(hymn) ELW 242*

*“Wake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”*

*stanzas 1, 2, 4*

- 1 **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door  
and lives now inside us forever.**
  
- 2 **To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near,  
yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul  
and hymns of lovingkindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll  
to shatter all hatred and blindness.**
  
- 4 **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer  
and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share  
and bring us at last into glory.**

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## **GREETING**

**P** The Spirit and the church cry out:

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** All those who await his appearance pray:

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**



*all earth is hopeful*

P The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P From the One who was, and who is, and who is to come:

Grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER AT THE ADVENT WREATH

*(Benedict family)*

L We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. In this third week of waiting, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen.**

## ADVENT HYMN

*(hymn)* ELW 266

"All Earth is Hopeful"

*stanza 1, 2 & 3*

**1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!**

**Furrows lie open for God's creative task:**

**this, the labor of people who struggle to see**

**how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.**

**2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:**

**"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";**

**she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth**

**restores hope and courage to children of this earth.**

**3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;**

**new highways opened, new protocols declared.**

**Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!**

**All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,  
and open our ears to the words of your prophets,  
that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING

*Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden*    Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11  
*Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of the Lord, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion —  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

...Word of God come down to us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 126 (ICEL)

*The LORD has done great things for us. (126:3)*

A The Lord brings us back to Zion, we are like dreamers,  
laughing, dancing, with songs on our lips.

**C Other nations say, "A new world of wonders!  
The Lord is with them."**

A Yes, God works wonders. Rejoice! Be glad!

**C Lord, bring us back as water to a thirsty land.  
Those sowing in tears reap, singing and laughing.**

A They left weeping, weeping, casting the seed.

**C They come back singing, singing, holding high the harvest.**

## SECOND READING

*Kept in faith until the coming of Christ*      1 Thessalonians 5:16–24  
*Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.*

*Paul writes to the church at Thessaloniki:*

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

...Word of God come down to us.

**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**

*A witness to the light*

John 1:6–8, 19–28

*John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.*

The holy gospel according to John.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

***The Friendly Beasts and the Donkey's Dream***  
*presented by the Sunday School & Youth*

The program includes 3 songs:

**The Friendly Beasts**, sung by the Sunday School;  
**277 Away in a Manger** - follow instructions & join in singing; &  
**279 O Little Town of Bethlehem** - instructions - join in singing.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (#279)

*Sunday School:*

1 *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!*  
*Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy*  
*dark streets shineth the everlasting light.*  
*The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

All sing:

**3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!**  
**So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.**  
**No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,**  
**where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

“Away in a Manger” (#277)

*Sunday School:*

1 *Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,*  
*the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;*  
*the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,*  
*the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

All sing:

- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

Text: North American, 19th cent.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*(hymn)* **ELW 272**

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” stanza 1 - all; 2 & 3 - choir; 4 - all*

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.**

*choir:*

- 2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.*

*choir:*

- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens ev'ry load.*
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know:**

**bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven  
and into endless day.**

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934,  
sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4  
Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## **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.**

## **ADVENT CONFESSIO**

**P** As people called out of darkness, let us confess our sin  
and seek mercy from the God of justice and righteousness.

*silence is kept for reflection*

P I confess to God Almighty,  
before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned by my own fault,  
in thought, word, and deed.  
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins,  
and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon,  
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

**C I confess to God Almighty,  
before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned by my own fault,  
in thought, word, and deed.  
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins,  
and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon,  
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.*

*Each petition concludes:*

*...Come Lord Jesus.*

**C Bless us with your presence.**

# 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.*

"Every Valley"

*arr. J. Ness Beck*

## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

**C God of abundance,**

**we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.**

**Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son, 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:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna . Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 Communion**

**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.

God for whom we wait,  
you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.  
Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our lives,

and send us forth to be your people in the world,  
announcing your coming among us  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **send<sup>o</sup>ing**

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

### **BLESSING**

**P** May God direct your ways in peace,  
make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*(hymn)* **ELW 244**

*"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

*stanzas 1, 3 & 4*

**1** Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

**3** In darkest night his coming shall be,  
when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free,  
so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
the lame shall leap in wonder,



**the weak be raised above the strong,  
and weapons be broken asunder.**

**4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.**

**Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Prepare the way.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

**“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”**

*arr. Hoff Trones Lampa Fardig*

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

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## **servicing today**

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Linda Jones, *assisting minister*

Bev Obright, *reader*

Benedict family, *Advent wreath*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Chancel Choir

Dave & Julie Larson, *technology*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Doug & Linda Jones, *ushers*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

Dylan Evans, Jim Evans, *coffee hosts*

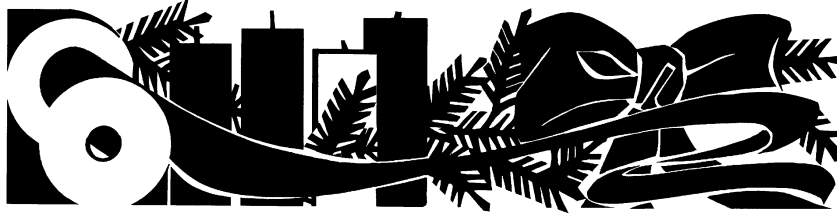
**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Doug & Linda Jones  
in celebration of their 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*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.*

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.

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



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