Sunday, October 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.



"Moved by the Spirit—The First Move"

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King of Glory

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Voluntary in G" John Stanley

Announcements

GATHERING

Song Thy Word

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 96)*

P: Sing to the Lord a new song; let all the earth join in praise!

C: We bless God's holy name and proclaim God's saving grace from day to day.

P: The God who made the heavens gathers us in mercy and fills this place with beauty and holiness.

C: We come to offer our worship, our gifts, and our lives.

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, and let all creation shout for joy!

C: For Christ comes among us with justice, righteousness, and truth.

P: People of God, come and worship the Lord!

C: We ascribe to the Lord honor and power. Let us sing to God a new song!

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song And That My Soul Knows Very Well

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

please be seated

WORD

Lesson	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22	

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message		Pastor Erik
Sermon	"Moved by the Spirit - The First Move"	Pastor Erik
Hymn	We Give Thee But Thine Own	ELW 686

The Apostles' Creed

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.

please be seated

Offering

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Offering Hymn — We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord — ELW 690
vs 1, 2, 5

Offering Prayer

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Vickie, Cheryl, Anita, Sue, Sally

Family & Friends: Janet, Anna, Kate, Mark, Mike, Lucille, Margie, Joe, Wes, Emily, Karla, Leon, Dee, Dale, Carol

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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!

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome.

Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song I Saw the Light

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Fantasia" Johann Pachelbel



It's Baaaack!

Wednesday, October 28
6-7 pm

Trunks Needed
Setup & Cleanup Folks Needed
Dinner Servers Needed
Guest Greeters Needed

Candy Needed

(we give it to the Police and Firefighters to pass out)





Sign up via
Flocknote or on
the Large Bulletin Board
in the Gathering Place

Commitment Sunday

"Moved by the Spirit - *Moving together, Making a difference*"

We will be celebrating Commitment Sunday on November 15. You should have received a letter explaining our theme, along with other helpful information this past week. Please do take some time to read through it as it is very informative. Then please prayerfully consider how you can help to be part of the incredible ministry that happens here at KOG. Questions, see Susan Kraabel, Craig Ellis or Pastor Erik.

Offering Envelopes

Would anyone like to receive offering envelopes who doesn't already get them? We will be ordering them this month so please email or call Neisha (neisha.johnson@kogcarmel.org or 317-846-1555 (ext 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given today in honor of John and Sylvia Ugstad's 42nd Anniversary! Congratulations love birds.

All Saints Sunday

We will be celebrating the souls we have lost this past year on Sunday, November 1. If you would like to have a loved one listed in the bulletin, please email me leslie.french@kogcarmel.org

Altar Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

I know it's too early for this, but .... we need to have our order for Poinsettias into Heartland Growers by November 2! Crazy! The cost is $12.00 per plant. Send me an email if you would like one or more (let me know the number). You can be specific (as to who they will honor or remember) later. leslie.french@kogcarmel.org.

Save the Date

The Fraziers will be hosting another Euchre Night on Saturday Nov. 7. Please bring a snack to share and a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. Fun begins at 7:00 pm.

Directory - One Week to Go!

If you want to be included in our new Church Directory we need some information from you. Ideally we would love updated pictures of all our church families. Photo times are 9:00, 9:10, 9:20, 9:30 and 9:40 and also at 11:10, 11:20, 11:30. 11:40 and 11:50. You can sign up to reserve your time here:

https://kogcarmel.org/directory

The other option is to stop in the office Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-2 and we can take your picture. Just call the office to let us know you are coming.

If you prefer not to submit your information online, there are forms at the Ushers' Table that you can fill out; just drop your form off at Leslie's desk in the office. Then email a picture you would like to have used in the Directory to leslie.french@kogcarmel.org.

We also would like to have a family picture, as the individual profiles will be organized by family in the directory. You can have a family picture taken at the church, email an electronic copy of a picture you already have, or have someone snap a cell phone photo. These should also be submitted to, you guessed it, leslie.french@kogcarmel.org. We can add the family photos to the database at any time. If it is more convenient to have one taken when the family is gathered for the holidays, it is fine to submit a family photo later. And it is not a problem if your picture includes more of the clan than just those profiled in the directory.

With your cooperation, we should have a quality and amazingly informative new KOG Directory!

Christian Ed, Youth Group and Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Children's Programming
Sunday morning programming for all students is at 9:00 back in the Cross & Crown section of the building. Students in K-5th grade will meet in the Gloryland area. Lead teachers for this group are Brandon Hulse and Liz Lichtenberger, with several assistants.

Confirmation Sunday at 9:00
The class is called *Faith Conversations with Pastor Erik; Confirmation & Beyond.* High School students are welcome (encouraged!) to attend as this gives our older youth a chance to keep exploring and refining what they believe. Pastor Erik believes their experiences and questions will add a great deal to the conversation. Join us in the Cross & Crown area.

Youth Group for Grades 6-12
Our youth usually meet Sundays at 5:00 as a large group (but may split into smaller groups depending on the theme of the night). Our next Sunday gathering is October 25th due to Fall Breaks. We are focusing on the Parables this year with some of our favorite traditional events thrown in (Advent calendars, 95 Reece's, etc.).

We are asking each family to host a dinner or two this year, please. This includes set up, providing, and cleaning up the meal for the group. Dinner is typically served around 5:45 pm but is very flexible. See Jenn Stump if you would like to signup to provide dinner.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Join us Wednesday mornings in the Cross & Crown area from 8:30 to 10:00. The resource is The Wired Word which uses current events as lesson topics for each meeting. Relevant scripture is provided to guide the group's discussion in applying the lesson to our faith in today's world. Come and join us as we dig into God's Word together!

WOW (Women on Wednesday)
We meet in the Parlor from 9:15-11:00 each Wednesday morning. We have ladies new to studying the Bible along with those more experienced, but rest assured, all are welcome! We are currently studying "Matthew, Together by Grace Bible Conversations."

KOG Women's Book Club
The group will be reading "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning this fall. Group meets 2nd Friday of the month in the Parlor. Contact for questions is Kathy Peterson 317 402-1847.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

THEME OF THE WEEK: Held by Grace, Made New by the Spirit

Our human desires are frighteningly powerful in their urges and obsessions. The flesh longs for praise and compares our lives with our neighbors'. Often, the flesh wants to indulge itself or retreat into laziness, bored with what is good and sacred. When our passions run wild, our desires can become chains that enslave our waking moments. The flesh is never satisfied; it always demands more. How can we be set free? God contends with the power of sin through the Holy Spirit, creating new hearts within us. In Christ, we are forgiven and made new, and the Spirit teaches us to resist sin and pray in Jesus' name.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1–14 A Necessary Garment

What a roller coaster. There is a wedding, but the invited guests refuse to come. The servants are murdered, and the king judges those who rejected the invitation. Then the wedding hall is full, but one guest without a wedding garment is cast into the outer darkness. It is a lot to take in. Jesus' parable draws on the story of God's people and the prophets who called them to faithfulness. It also invites us to consider our own response to God's gracious welcome. We do not earn our place at the feast; we are welcomed by grace and clothed in Christ. Scripture speaks of this as the robe of Christ's righteousness, made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14) and given to us in baptism (Galatians 3:26–27). Clothed in Christ, we need not be ashamed to stand before God. *O Lord, wrap us in the robe of Christ's righteousness. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:153–160 The Entirety of Your Word

The Word of God is our treasure, our joy, our wisdom, and our light. Each word of Scripture is a gift. The psalmist declares, "The entirety of your word is truth." We do not have to hunt and peck through the Bible, deciding which parts are true and which promises we can trust. Scripture bears witness to God's faithfulness and points us to the mercy and love made known in Jesus Christ. As Lutherans, we hear God's Word as both law and gospel: it shows us our need for God, and it announces God's promise of forgiveness and new life. Our faith rests on the trustworthiness of the God who speaks to us through Scripture. *"Consider how I love your precepts; revive me, O Lord, according to your lovingkindness." Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:15–21 Walking in Wisdom: Giving Thanks

By the power of the Spirit, we "give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gratitude is more than a feeling—it is a way of recognizing the goodness of God's gifts. We know that whatever comes our way, God is with us, Jesus is our Savior, and nothing can separate us from God's love. This does not mean everything that happens is good. It means that even in hardship, God remains our refuge and strength. Thankfulness is part of the wisdom the Spirit gives us. We remember that the most important things in life are what God has already done for us, and our hearts sing for God's lovingkindness. *O Lord, fill us with your Spirit and fill our hearts and minds with gratitude. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:1–2 The LORD Has Stretched Out a Hand
There was always a danger that the people of Jerusalem might imagine the Lord's love was theirs alone. But God says, "I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me." The Creator of the world is also its Redeemer, and God's mercy reaches beyond the people who expect it—even to us. Through the prophet, God says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a rebellious people." When we stumble, God reaches out to lift us up. When we face danger, God is our help and our defender. Most of all, God's love is revealed in Jesus, whose outstretched hands on the cross bring forgiveness and life. *Thank you, O Lord, for seeking us and meeting us with mercy. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:28–44 Of Love for the Pharisees
It could be easy to think that Jesus loved sinners but hated the Pharisees. That misses the compassion in His challenging words. Jesus sees the danger they (and we) face—the danger of pride and judgment—and calls them to repentance. His parables confront them in the hope that they will turn toward God's mercy. "Look at the tenants," Jesus says: they imagine that murdering the son will give them the inheritance. Jesus is exposing the imprudence of their actions and calling His hearers back to God. His words are also for us. We, too, can become proud and resistant to correction. We, too, can be imprudent and fail to listen to Jesus. God brings down the haughty and raises up those who come with humility to receive God's mercy. *Lord, have mercy upon me! Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:25–32 Hard to Accept
Salvation is a matter of God's mercy. It is a gift, completely unearned. That can be hard for the Pharisee in each of us to accept. We imagine we are good enough, that our works deserve God's gifts, or that we have earned something from God. But salvation cannot be earned. Paul says that God has "imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all." We all stand in need of mercy; none of us can claim salvation as something owed to us. God's purpose is not to abandon people but to make mercy known. Remember God's mercy is for you—today and everyday! *Loving God, I thank you for your gift of life and salvation. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 57 — In You My Soul Takes Refuge
Over the years, this psalm has been connected with David's flight from Saul and his time in a cave (1 Samuel 22:1). David's prayer has been handed down to us as a model for our own prayers in times of distress. See how quickly David entrusts himself to the Lord's mercy! He is confident that the Lord hears him and will be faithful to the promises made. We, too, can trust as David did. We can trust what God has spoken to us and remember what God, through Christ Jesus, has done for us. In baptism, we are named and claimed as God's beloved child. God is with us in this world and promises us eternal life in the world to come! *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Amen.*