Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.



“Moved By the Spirit - Moved by Hope ”

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King of Glory

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Paul Manz/Jeffrey Blersch

Announcements

GATHERING

Song Unto Thee O Lord

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 78)*

P: People of God, listen to the stories of faith handed down to us.
C: We open our hearts to hear of God's wonderful works.

P: We will not hide from our children what we have heard and known.
C: We will tell of God's power, mercy, and faithfulness.

P: From one generation to the next, God's story is proclaimed.
C: So that children yet unborn may place their trust in God.

P: Let us remember the gracious deeds of the Lord.
C: Come, let us worship God and tell of all that God has done.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!
C: And also with you!

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song Reach Out to Jesus

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.

We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day
P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen

please be seated

WORD

Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Gospel Response
P: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Pastor Erik

Sermon "Moved by the Spirit - Moved by Hope" Pastor Erik

Hymn Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949

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 — Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vs 1 & 4) — ELW 244

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Members: Cheryl, Anita

Family & Friends: Patty, Leota, Anna, Lucille, Margie, Joe, Wes, Emily, Karla, Leon, 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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 holy Trinity, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

Song

Farther Along

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" John Behnke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. If you have not, there are extra copies available at the Hospitality Center. Please prayerfully consider how you can help be part of the incredible ministry that happens here at KOG. Questions, see Susan Kraabel, Craig Ellis or Pastor Erik.

Submit Pictures for Directory

While we are done taking pictures here at KOG, we are still accepting pictures through Nov 30 (Thanksgiving is a great time to get a family photo!) Please remember, we would like individual pictures too. You'll understand when we publish our new Directory. For now, you just gotta trust me. Send your photos to leslie.french@kogcarmel.org

Giving Tree

We are starting a few weeks early again this year to provide items for Lutheran Child and Family Services "Christmas Store". These families are referred by area social workers to "shop" for Christmas gifts at no charge. Each shopper must meet three criteria: engaged in services with a social service agency, financial need, and not receiving Christmas Assistance elsewhere.

1. Pick an age to purchase a gift for from the Giving Tree
2. Purchase the gifts
3. Bring unwrapped gifts to church Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or Sunday 10am-11am from November 16 - 30 and place under the Christmas Tree. Items need to be at the church by 11am November 30
4. To make a cash contribution, label "Giving Tree" in the memo line of the check and place in the offering plate by November 24.

Memorial Service

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 14 for Vicki Sampson. Visitation will begin at 12:30, followed by a service at 2:00 with a reception in Fellowship Hall after the service. Please keep Eric and the rest of the Sampson family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

THEME OF THE WEEK:

This week's readings remind us that our hope rests in God's faithfulness, not in our own strength or in the stability of the world around us. God hears the cries of people in trouble, calls leaders to seek justice, and gathers a community sustained by grace. In Jesus' death and resurrection, God promises life and a future for all creation. As we wait for that promise to be fulfilled, the Spirit meets us through Scripture, Baptism, and the bread and wine, and sends us to care for our neighbors with generosity, courage, and compassion.

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 124: If It Were Not for God...
"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side…" the psalm begins. The words name the dangers that can overwhelm a community: violence, injustice, and forces that threaten to consume hope. They also confess that our own sin turns us inward, tempting us to rely on ourselves and our own achievements. Yet God does not abandon us. In Jesus, God meets us with forgiveness and life. Through the Word and the waters of Baptism, and at the table where we share bread and wine, we receive signs of that grace. The psalm's ancient prayer belongs first to Israel; we join it with gratitude, trusting the God who has been faithful. *Blessed be the Lord, our help and our hope. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:17–21: It Is All Subject to Him
As we wait for Christ, we live amid hardship, competing loyalties, and the pull of desires that can turn us away from God and neighbor. Paul does not ask us to despise earthly life or our bodies. Instead, he points us toward the promise that Christ will transform our bodies to be like his glorious body. Our hope is that death and all that diminishes life will not have the final word. We belong to Christ even as we take part in the life of this world, seeking our neighbors' good and trusting God's future. The promise is ours by grace, even when its fullness is still beyond our sight. *Come, Lord Jesus, and renew us and all creation. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 32:1–8: Until Then...
Isaiah imagines a just ruler and a community in which people can see clearly, listen well, and speak truthfully. The prophet's words name what is wrong when foolishness and deceit are honored and those in need are overlooked. Christians hear in this vision a promise that finds its fullness in Christ, the righteous king who brings healing and justice. We still wait for the day when all people and creation will know such peace. Until then, we gather around God's gifts in Word, water, bread, and wine, and the Spirit strengthens us to practice justice and speak truth with care. *God, shelter those who are vulnerable, and make us partners in your work of peace. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:41–44: More Than All
Jesus notices a widow placing two small coins in the temple treasury. People may have seen her gift as insignificant; Jesus sees what she has given. Yet just before this scene, Jesus warns that some religious leaders "devour widows' houses." The story invites us to notice both the widow's trust and the unjust systems that leave people vulnerable. Her offering is not a command that anyone give beyond their means or go without what they need. Christian generosity grows from God's generous grace and seeks the well-being of our neighbors. *Lord, free us from self-interest, protect those who are vulnerable, and guide us in generous care for one another. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:1–7: Faithful in Public Life
Paul writes about governing authorities in a time when Christians lived under Roman rule. His words have sometimes been used to excuse unjust power, but the call to serve the common good does not make every government action just. Authority is accountable to God's purposes of justice and the protection of neighbors, especially those most at risk. Christians can give thanks for good government, work for the common good, and speak up when leaders cause harm. Our hope does not depend on who holds power; it rests in Christ, who calls us to love our neighbors in every season. *God of justice, guide those who govern and give us courage to seek the good of all. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 31:25: The Words of Jesus...
Psalm 31 gives voice to trust and courage in the midst of trouble. In another verse of this psalm, we hear words Jesus prayed from the cross: "Into your hand I commit my spirit." When we pray the psalms, we join generations of God's people in bringing fear, grief, and hope before God. Christ has entered the depths of suffering and death, and God raised him to life. So we trust that God's steadfast love holds us, even when promises seem slow in coming. In Baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection, and we receive the promise of life with him. *Faithful God, hold us in life and in death, and give courage to all who wait for you. Amen.*

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