



Sunday, October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.



“Grace on Our Sleeves”

Pastor Erik Allen



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Prelude, Adagio and Allegro”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Announcements

GATHERING

Song

Sometimes by Step

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 23)*

P: The Lord is our shepherd; in God, we have all that we need.

C: God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

P: When the way is uncertain and shadows surround us,

C: we will not be afraid, for God is with us.

P: God prepares a table of grace and welcomes us with mercy.

C: Our cups overflow with God's abundant love.

P: Surely goodness and mercy will accompany us all our days.

C: Let us worship the One who gathers us, guides us, and gives us life.

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

C: And also with you!

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

Awesome Power

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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

please be seated

WORD

Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Erik

Sermon

“Grace on Our Sleeves”

Pastor Erik

Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

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

Here Would I Feast

ACS 964

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: Cheryl, Anita, Sue, Sally, Vickie

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

God Is In the House

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church Directory is Inching Closer

We will be taking pictures through Sunday, Oct 25. You can also show up Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10-2 and we can take your picture. Just call the office to let us know you are coming.

How we will collect data:

In an effort to protect the privacy of your children, we will NOT be asking for cell phone numbers or email addresses for non-adults.

There are two ways to supply updated directory information.

If you prefer not to submit your information online, there are forms at the Ushers' Table that you can fill out. If you don't care to have your picture taken, just drop your form off at Leslie's desk in the office.

Preferably, however, you may use the following link to input data into the database for you, and if applicable, your spouse and children. If you have adult children that are involved with KOG and wish to be included as "head of household," we ask that they fill out a separate form. The link is:

<https://kogcarmel.org/directory>

We would like each person in our directory to have an individual photo but it is not necessary. Cell phone quality is fine. You can email an individual photo to Leslie.French@KOGCarmel.org or come to the church to have one taken.

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 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.

Having pictures taken at church:

You can use the Sign-Up Genius provided through Flocknote to schedule a time on a Sunday morning in October to have your picture taken (one time slot should be sufficient even for a family). We will be using the Huxhold Conference Room in the Office area (in the hallway between Pastor Erik's and Neisha's offices). Photo times will be scheduled at 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 on October 11, October 18 and October 25.

PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO SUBMIT YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION AT THE

SAME TIME OR BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN.

When we are finished, we will have an electronic directory that you can use to reach people affiliated with King of Glory. Not all of the information we are gathering will be available to others online (an example is your date of birth). Eventually you will have an access code so that you can update your personal information when needed. You do not need to have your picture taken but we would truly appreciate you filling out the form so we can make sure we have all your contact information correct.

Thank you to Neisha who created the electronic form and to Susan who is helping coordinate this effort!

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



It's Baaaack!

**Wednesday, October 28
6-7 pm**

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



**Sign up on
Flocknote or on
the Large Bulletin Board**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sunday

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

Hopefully you received your Stewardship Letter this weekend (if not, you should get it on Monday). Please take some time to read through it as it is very informative. Please prayerfully consider how you can help to be part of the incredible ministry that happens here at KOG. Commitment Sunday is November 15. Questions? See Craig Ellis, Pastor Erik or Susan Kraabel.

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)

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. Complete the form below and drop it off in the office (or in the offering plate), stop by the office during the week or just send me an email Leslie. All we're really looking for at the moment is a count on how many to order. Pay now, pay later, just let me know if you want plants this year! leslie.french@kogcarmel.org. Thanks!

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Your Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____



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 sign up 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: The Mercy of God

This week's devotions hold two truths together. First, the life of faith is not free from difficulties. In our struggles, we flee to the mercy of God in Christ, trusting God's forgiveness and grace. Second, faith bears fruit as the Holy Spirit daily frees us from sin and self-centeredness—the "old self" that resists God's will and turns us inward. In Baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. We are called each day to die to sin and rise to new life, resisting the powers that draw us away from trust in God and love of our neighbors. This struggle does not earn God's grace, rather it is the new life that flows from grace.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:1–9 Peace Be upon This House

Jesus sends the appointed seventy-two ahead of him. They carry no wealth or power of their own and must depend upon the hospitality of others. Yet they carry something the world cannot manufacture: Christ's peace and the promise that God's reign has drawn near. Christ continues to send the church into the world. Some are called to the public ministry of Word and Sacrament, but all the baptized participate in God's mission. Whenever the gospel is proclaimed, the suffering are cared for, strangers are welcomed, and Christ draws near. The peace Jesus gives does not mean that a household will never experience trouble. It is the promise that Christ is present within our uncertainty and struggle. *Lord Jesus, let your peace rest upon our homes, and send us to share that peace with others as we await your coming. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:145–152 Faith and Works

"With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!" Faith does not prevent us from crying out in distress. Faith gives us the confidence to bring our whole lives before God, trusting that God hears us even when the answer does not come in the way or time we expect. We pray, "Save me," because salvation rests not upon our merits or accomplishments but upon God's steadfast love. Yet the psalmist also says, "I will keep your statutes" and "I hope in your word." God's commands do not complete Christ's saving work. Rather, they guide the lives of those whom Christ has already set free. Faith receives God's promises and becomes active in love for the neighbor. *Lord Jesus, keep us in faith, teach us to delight in your promises, and guide us in lives of loving service. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 44:21–23 Return to Me

Are our sins too great? Have we wandered away too many times for God to welcome us home? Through Isaiah, God reminds the people, "I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist." Also, notice the order of God's promise: "Return to me, for I have redeemed you." Redemption comes first. Returning is not the price we pay for forgiveness; repentance is our response to the grace God has already given. We receive this passage as a witness to God's enduring faithfulness to Israel, not as permission to replace Israel or claim its promises exclusively for ourselves. In Christ, we too encounter the God whose mercy is greater than our sin. Consequences may remain, and repentance may require us to work at repairing what has been broken, but God's mercy is never exhausted. *Redeeming God, draw us home and fill us with the joy of your steadfast love. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: John 1:35–51 Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?

Is Scripture really relevant to our lives? Does Baptism truly give what God promises? Can Jesus really feed us with his body and blood in the forms of bread and wine? Can God's forgiveness really come to us through another human voice? Nathanael was tempted to judge Jesus by appearances: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip simply answered, "Come and see." God delights in meeting us through ordinary and unexpected things. Christ comes through human words, water, bread and wine, and a community that is holy because Christ is present—not because its members are flawless. These gifts may appear small, but God's promise makes them means of abundant grace. *Lord Jesus, open our eyes to recognize your presence and receive your gifts with faith. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 One Body, One Spirit

Paul firmly rejects every attempt by Christians to despise or dismiss one another. "Jews or Greeks, slaves or free," all have been baptized into one body and made to drink of one Spirit. We come from different peoples, cultures, economic circumstances, abilities, identities, vocations, and experiences, yet Christ has joined us together. This unity does not erase our differences or ask us to remain silent about injustice. Instead, the Spirit makes our diversity a gift and calls us to give particular honor to those whom the world overlooks. "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." No member is unnecessary, and no gift belongs to us alone. *Lord Jesus, help us recognize one another as members of your body, sharing one another's burdens and rejoicing together in your grace. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:22–28 Old Self, New Self

In Baptism, God joins us to Christ, forgives our sins, and makes us members of the body of Christ. We are clothed with the new self and called into a new way of life shaped by faith, generosity, and love. Yet the patterns of the old self still cling to us. Luther reminds us in the Small Catechism that the old self is to be drowned through daily repentance so that the new self may rise to live before God. The "old self" does not mean our bodies or the identities God has given us. It is the part of us curved inward, determined to trust ourselves and use others for our own purposes. The Christian life is not a steady climb toward perfection; it is a daily return to God's baptismal promise and being made new through the love of God in Christ Jesus. *Lord Jesus, renew us each day and help us live as the people you have created us to be. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 61 Hear My Cry, O God!

Faith does not shield us from adversity. Jesus is honest that following him may bring rejection and suffering, but this does not mean every hardship is a punishment or a test sent by God. We do not need to call suffering good in order to trust that God can meet us within it. From "the end of the earth," the psalmist cries, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." When our own strength fails, God remains our refuge. God often provides shelter through the care of friends, the support of a community, and the wisdom of those equipped to help us. Prayer may not immediately remove our difficulties, but it places our fear within God's faithful care and reminds us that we are not abandoned. *Merciful God, hear our cry, lead us to safety, and shelter all who are overwhelmed beneath the shadow of your wings. Amen.*