



April  
2021

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Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin;  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend  
For Christ is risen  
Our joy that hath no end.  
- John of Damascus

This ancient hymn envisions the whole of creation joining in celebration. The resurrection of Christ is the triumph of hope over despair, of life over death, which reaches out to all creation.

Although we live in a world where the power of death and despair seem undiminished, the promise of Easter is that the victory of life over death has already take place in Christ. Our work as Christ followers is to take hold of the promise in faith and live in light of this new reality.

In the past decades we have been made increasingly aware of the threats to the health of our planet and the creatures with whom we share it. Just as all of creation is included in the celebration of Easter's victory of life over death, to live in light of Easter means to care for the well-being of God's creation.

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25 we will commemorate Earth Day in conjunction with "Good Shepherd" Sunday. Although it is not officially a church festival it is an especially appropriate theme for the Easter season: as we are reminded each time we gather to share the Lord's Supper, we celebrate Christ's resurrection by joining with all creation in an unending hymn of praise.

Peace,  
Pr. Richard

### April Highlights

Meetings are held via Zoom. Please visit our website at [mtcarmelslo.org](http://mtcarmelslo.org) for links to the meetings. Visitors welcome!

### Executive Team

Tuesday, Apr 6 at 6pm

### Church Council

Thursday, Apr 15 at 6pm

### Maundy Thursday April 1

### Good Friday April 2

### Easter Sunday April 4

### Spring Assembly April 11

Gloria Dei in Santa Maria

### Sunday Worship at Mt. Carmel Sunday Worship Service

9:30am—Online via Zoom

See page 2 for links to our online worship services. All are welcome!

# WORSHIP ONLINE

Join us on ZOOM for  
worship and bible studies

Please use the links listed here to join any of our worship services. We look forward to seeing you!

[How to join a ZOOM meeting - Instructions](#)

- [Link to SUNDAY morning Zoom worship](#)

Sundays at 9:30 AM

For telephone: +1 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 849 4786 1947

Passcode: 591300

- [Link to WEDNESDAY Evening Zoom Service](#)

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

For telephone: +1 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 867 5095 6162

Passcode: 695333

- [Mt. Carmel YouTube channel](#)

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE WORSHIP

To enhance our time together and our online worship experience, we will include an extended time before and after worship for conversation with microphones unmuted. During worship microphones should be muted except for the Sharing the Peace and Lord's Prayer.

**9:00-9:25:** Fellowship Time (unmuted)

**9:25:** Prelude & Announcements (microphones muted)

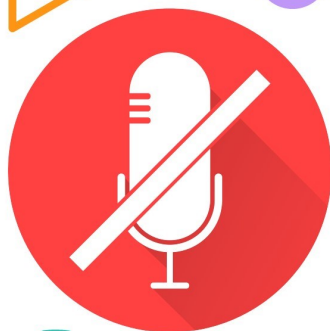
**9:30:** Worship

**10:30** Post Service Fellowship (unmuted)

**10:45:** Adult Forum

**Please** remain muted during the worship service so that everyone may enjoy the experience.

**Thank you!**



Special thanks to our musicians and singers each week:  
Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen  
Sue Haas-Clark / Patti Frey / Richard Rollefson

## Sunday Readings and Psalm

**April 4** (Easter Sunday)

Lector: Chuck Kilstrom

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

*God raised Jesus on the third day*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Witnesses to the risen Christ*

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement*

**April 11** (Second Sunday of Easter)

Lector: Steve Bennett

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

*The believers' common life*

Psalm 133

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

*Walking in the light*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

**April 18** (Third Sunday of Easter)

Lector: Bob Grosse

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

*Health & forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

*The revealing of the children of God*

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

*Eating with the risen Christ*

**April 25** (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Lector: Nancy Cook

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

*Salvation in the name of Jesus*

Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

*Love in truth and action*

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

*Christ the shepherd*

**May 2** (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Lector: Monica Holman

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

*Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

Psalm 22:25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

*God's love perfected in love for one another*

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

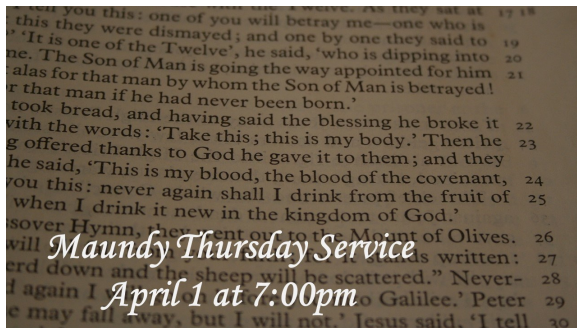
*Christ the vine*



## Holy Week

### Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

*All services are held online via Zoom.*



### *Maundy Thursday Service* *April 1 at 7:00pm*

[Link to Maundy Thursday Service](#)

Remembering Jesus' last supper, betrayal, and arrest

### *Good Friday* *Worship*

*April 2, 2021*  
*7:00 PM*



[Link to Good Friday Service](#)

A traditional "Tenebrae" Service of growing darkness



*9:30 AM ON ZOOM*

*11:00 AM IN-PERSON*

**9:30am on Zoom**

[Link to Easter Sunday Service](#)

**11:00am in-person**  
**on the patio at Mt. Carmel**

We're looking forward to seeing you. Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you want to attend, or call the church office at 805-544-2133.

## LISTENING TO GOD: PRAYER AT NIGHT'S APPROACHING

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM**

### The Wednesday Evening Service will resume on April 7

Pastor Richard Rollefson leads this quiet service each Wednesday evenings on Zoom. Click the link below for easy access, or join by phone and enter the meeting ID and passcode.

[Link for Wednesday Evening Service](#)

For telephone: +1 669 900 9128  
Meeting ID: 867 5095 6162  
Passcode: 695333

## Communion at Home

**Sunday, April 4**



**Elements to gather:**

**Wine or juice**  
**Crackers or bread**

We share Communion on the first Sunday of each month during our online worship service. We ask that you gather your elements prior to the service—a cup with wine or juice, and a plate with crackers or bread. Pastor Richard will lead us through the Great Thanksgiving as though we are gathered in person. **ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE.**



## ADULT FORUM

Sundays following worship

### April Schedule

Information about the April forums will be available in the weekly Vistas updates

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### Bible Study

Fridays at 10:00 AM

[Link to FRIDAY morning Bible study](#)

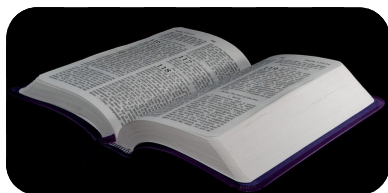
Telephone: 669 900 9128  
Meeting ID: 829 5418 7961  
Passcode: 229122

### Men's Bible Study

Saturdays at 8:30 AM

[Link to SATURDAY morning Bible study](#)

Telephone: 669 900 9128  
Meeting ID: 248 770 4658  
Passcode: 159759



## CHILDREN AND TEEN'S MINISTRY

Join Ingrid on YouTube for children's sermons. Click the link or copy to your browser to watch online.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Ny-io7V6ObxbcEmoDazBg>

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## SPRING CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY APRIL 11, 10:00AM

## GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SANTA MARIA AND ON ZOOM

### HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

A joint worship celebration will be held for all the churches of the central coast on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Santa Maria. For centuries, in Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant countries, "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter) was observed by the faithful as a 'day of joy and laughter' with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The custom of the celebrations was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. The early theologians called it "Risus Paschalis" ~ the Easter Laugh.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the service will be held outdoors on the back patio at 10:00 a.m. Those who want to attend in person are asked to mask up and wear warm clothing. Those who feel uncomfortable doing so can watch the service online. A short business meeting will be held following the service to elect Laura Krueger as our Conference Representative to the Synod Council.

At Gloria Dei we encourage people to dress crazy for the day, and by all means, bring your sense of humor. Friends are welcome!

Greg Kintzi

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## Announcing a Sweet Miracle

Congratulations to Kylee and Tyson Davis on  
the birth of their son

Cash Davis

Cards may be sent to the Davis Family at:  
Love to Learn Preschool  
1739 Fredericks Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 04/06/1968 | Jerry & Judith Kirkhart |
| 04/19/1997 | Cheryl & Dale Garnsey   |
| 04/21/1962 | Carol & Donley Winger   |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 03 | Carolyn Baker            |
| 04 | Catherine Kessler-Amling |
| 05 | Jennifer Bobell          |
| 07 | Roberta Moen             |
| 08 | Ken Tway                 |
| 10 | Carolyn Voss             |
| 12 | Karen Petersen           |
| 13 | Paul Woodring            |
| 20 | David Quist              |
| 27 | Diane Mansell            |
| 27 | Janis Sexton             |

**Prayer Requests**

Sid & Beryl Bennett  
 Jeannie Ledford & Family  
 Elsa Brody

Have something you want to celebrate or commemorate?  
 E-mail the details/pictures to the church office -  
[info@mtcarmelslo.org](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org) - for publication in this newsletter  
 and our twice-weekly "Vistas" announcements!  
**Deadline for the April Summit is April 20**

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:**

**April 4**—Judy & Walt Bremer; Elsa Brody; Dennis & Marilyn Brown  
**April 11**—Erik, Heidi, Alexander, Kraine & Tatiana Brun; Ro Cannon-Miller; Paul & Rebecca Christensen  
**April 18**—John & Nancy Cook; Dorothy Cunningham; Jen, Brian, Brayden & Olivia DeClark  
**April 25**—Desiree, Charles, Aidan, Brennan & Brielle Dellinger; Kevin, Wende & Olivia Dong;  
 Dianne & Michael Drazé  
**May 2**—Ed & Maureen Dresp; Mike, Marina & Belen Dresp; Sally Eggen





## The People's Kitchen

of San Luis Obispo

**Mt. Carmel serves lunch at the Prado Center on the first Friday of each month.**

Volunteers: Thank You, and be sure to check the schedule below for what is needed.

*Please find your own substitutes if you cannot provide this month.*

Email Jan Uder at [j.uder@yahoo.com](mailto:j.uder@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about The People's Kitchen program or would like to volunteer.

### Schedule for March 5: Hot Dish (serves 12+)

Steve & JoAnn Bennett  
Dave Lonsway  
Kathy Meyer  
Cyndi Rollefson  
Sandy Rowland  
Mollie Smith  
Jenice Twomey  
Chuck Kilstrom

### Salad (serves 12+)

Carol Harvey  
Wayne Lippold  
Rebecca Keisler

### 3 Gallons Whole Milk

Carol Grosse

**Please have your clearly marked items at church by 11:00am, (heated and ready to go)**



### HUNGER HEROES

Mount Carmel continues to contribute to the SLO Food Bank, and the challenger continues to match every dollar. The need for funding at the Food Bank will likely be needed for at least a few more months.

You are all truly HUNGER HEROES!

[Link to Mt. Carmel matching funds page](#)

Thank you for all of your support of this very important ministry. Mount Carmel is truly blessed by your commitment. If you have not yet committed your support, even five dollars will provide thirty-five meals. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to make a difference to those standing in line to get their next meal from the Food Bank.

Peace and patience,

Marilyn Brown  
Food Bank Coordinator

### Mount Carmel Staff

|                               |                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>Rev. Richard Rollefson</i> | Interim Pastor                           |
| <i>Paul Woodring</i>          | Organist                                 |
| <i>Dave Becker</i>            | Director of Contemporary Music           |
| <i>Tony Bloodworth</i>        | Custodian                                |
| <i>MaryAnn Jakes</i>          | Parish Administrator                     |
| <i>Ingrid Frokjer</i>         | Director of Children and Teen Ministries |
| <i>Deanna Schultze</i>        | Nursery Caregiver                        |

### Mount Carmel Church Council

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| President        | Marshall Pihl    |
| Vice President   | Patti Frey       |
| Secretary        | Carol Harvey     |
| Treasurer        | Sherri Parkinson |
| Members-At-Large |                  |
| Erik Brun        | Jen DeClark      |
| Chuck Kilstrom   | Wayne Lippold    |
| Jan Uder         |                  |

### Church Hours

Our office is not open to visitors at this time, but we are always available by phone. Please call or email to schedule a time to visit in person:

**Phone 805-544-2133**

**Email: [info@mtcarmelslo.org](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org) [www.mtcarmelslo.org](http://www.mtcarmelslo.org)**

### Our pastoral staff is here for you

In time of crisis, please contact the church office or Pastor Richard Rollefson 858-349-8862

## Supporting Iglesia Santa Cruz....

April 10, 2021, 11am-3pm

Mt. Carmel holds a Drive-Thru donation on the second Saturday of each month to benefit the families at Iglesia Santa Cruz. Our primary focus is on food donations, with additional items added to the list as needed. All package sizes are acceptable for donation, and most is distributed or delivered to families the same day we deliver to Santa Maria. Maseca is a special corn flour used to make tortillas and is a basic staple in all of the households. ***If you prefer to donate money, we'll gladly do the shopping on your behalf. Please make checks payable to MCLC and note Santa Cruz on the memo line.***

Special thanks to the Thrivent teams who provide funds to supplement your donations. If you would like to sponsor a Thrivent Action Team, please contact Steve Bennett at sbenn1941@gmail.com, or the church office at 805-544-2133.

Benefiting Iglesia Santa Cruz



### Suggested items include:

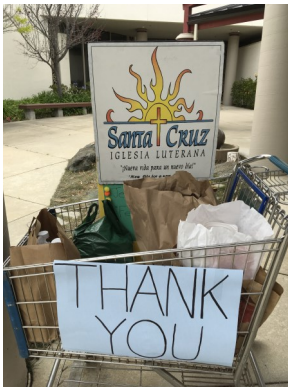
- ❖ Maseca
- ❖ Cooking Oil
- ❖ Sugar
- ❖ Rice
- ❖ Beans
- ❖ Flour
- ❖ Salt
- ❖ Laundry & Dish Soap
- ❖ Diapers / Baby Wipes
- ❖ \$25 Visa Gift Cards

## DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS BENEFITING IGLESIA SANTA CRUZ

AT MT. CARMEL



Thank you to John & Nancy Cook, and Phil & Jenice Twomey for filling in at the last minute to collect donations at our March food drive. Your donations and the additional purchases made with money from a Thrivent grant were delivered to Santa Maria later in the week. An example of what a \$250 Thrivent grant can purchase: 50 pounds of onions, 50 pounds of tomatoes, 25 whole chickens (.99 per pound), 20 dozen eggs, 50 pounds of beans, 50 pounds of rice, 16 pounds of salt, and 20 pounds of sugar. Of course, we always look for the best deals to stretch our dollars, but without you, none of this would be possible. Five gift cards of \$50 each were donated to families at Iglesia Santa Cruz. As always, the time you spend shopping and dropping off your donations is greatly appreciated by those receiving your gifts. Thank you!



[Click this link to find out more about Iglesia Santa Cruz on their facebook page.](#)



### A brief history...

*Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz began in 2001 as a mission church of the Central Coast Conference serving the Hispanic community in Santa Maria, CA. Pastor Patricia Moran was called as a mission developer and was their first pastor. Her church served a very marginalized community of mostly Mexican immigrants that have minimal education, speak Spanish and a native Mayan language, and have an indigenous culture. Many work in agriculture. The grace of Christ touched their hearts and lives and continues to do so after Patricia retired in 2016.*

*Pastor Esteban Salazar was called to IL Santa Cruz after an interim period and currently serves there with his wife Angie. Mt. Carmel is honored to be one of the Central Coast Conference churches working to keep the promise of support made to IL Santa Cruz through time, talent, and treasure.*

# EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 4, 2021

9:30 AM ON ZOOM

11:00 AM IN-PERSON

You are invited to join us for in-person worship on the patio at Mt. Carmel beginning Easter Sunday. **Please note the dates and times of the services as they are different.** You may bring your own chairs, or use one of our metal folding chairs. Because we love you, and because we want to keep you safe, please help us by observing these guidelines:

RSVP ([click HERE](#), or call the office) so we can prepare enough space for each family to be socially distant;

Wear a mask while you check in and until you are seated;

Wear a mask when you are leaving;

Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

## In-person Worship

Sundays at

12 noon on the patio

Resuming on April 18

## Mt. Carmel

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1701 Fredericks St.  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Phone: 805-544-2133  
Email: [info@mtcarmelslo.org](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org)

### OUR MISSION

*Celebrating God's grace through  
worship, learning and service.*

### CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

For updates from  
Mt. Carmel, go to  
[www.facebook.com/  
mtcarmelslo](https://www.facebook.com/mtcarmelslo)

### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**Southwest California Synod/Mt. Carmel  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.