



# Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the Week of February 6, 2022**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday School and Youth Group are on hold again today due to an increased risk of covid.

## MT. CARMEL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those who might be interested in applying for a post-secondary scholarship provided through the Mt. Carmel Foundation. Please contact Mary Catherine at 612-226-1722 or email [marycat81@gmail.com](mailto:marycat81@gmail.com) if you are interested in applying. You will be provided with the necessary information to complete your application. All applications must be completed and received no later than Mar. 1, 2022. If you know of someone who might be interested in applying, please pass along this announcement to them. Applicants must be a member of Mt. Carmel.

## CIRCLE OF WELCOME UPDATE

Mt. Carmel has working with Lutheran Social Services to sponsor a family from Afghanistan. We've been matched with a family and are moving them in to their new home in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood. We are excited to meet them and will provide more updates soon!

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The mini-bus is revved up and ready to take you to church! Call the church office (612-781-2796) by noon Friday to let us know you want a ride.

## FOUNDATION MATCHING GIFT

At the annual meeting we discussed our congregation's challenging budget shortfall. The Mt. Carmel Foundation is offering a wonderful opportunity to match our fundraising efforts up to \$25000! Please designate any amount you'd like to give to this special offering and we will track our progress toward a first benchmark of \$5000. We'll report our success to the Foundation and they will match it! You can designate funds with a note on your offering envelope. If you give online, please notify the office so we can direct your gift to the matching fund.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 6. – Ruth Bills  
Feb. 7 – Doug Jones  
Feb. 8 – Anna Matthes  
Feb. 10 – Ron Handberg  
Feb. 12 – Chuck Grider

## FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY

- ONLINE Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. (Contact Leona Olson, [onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com))
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. (Contact Ralph Matthes, [marinosdelimpls@gmail.com](mailto:marinosdelimpls@gmail.com))
- On hold: Racial Justice Book Study Group – Resumes March 10<sup>th</sup>, every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room and online (contact Barb Hollister, [bjhollister@comcast.net](mailto:bjhollister@comcast.net))

## THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Kim, Bob and Barb Hollister's daughter, who has cancer.
- Peggy, Jodi Wirth's friend, who is suffering from anxiety
- Carol Kwiecien, hospitalized after a fall
- Marlene Black, recovering from sacral fractures
- John, Maryjo Wiggen's cousin, recovering from the long-term effects of covid
- Julie Craig, recovering in transitional care for rehab
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, recovering from femur surgery and multiple infections
- Joe Prondzinski, Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law, for pain relief and healing
- Kathy Halverson, recovering from surgery
- Ryan, friend of Greta Kutzer, struggling with MS
- Glenn, Brian Wirth's brother, fighting with cancer
- John Salveson, former Mt. Carmel music director, battling cancer.

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office. If you would like the pastor to be aware of your prayer concerns but do not want them named publicly, please be sure to note that. Let the office know of any updates or changes.

## HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Marion Harris, Gerry Johnson, Carol Kwiecien, Jennie Porter, Virginia Schaal and Dorothy Warhol

## ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex by the elevator. The cost of one bouquet is \$27. You may pick up the flowers following the service.

## REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.



Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.



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# The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## February 6, 2022

Please have bread and wine available for communion.

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Forgive us and lead us, that we may reflect your love for all creation.**  
**Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

**ELW 413**

- 1     Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2     Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee<**  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3     Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4     Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## GREETING

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Let us pray: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW p. 205

C: **Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter:

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

P: Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

- 1     **You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.**

**Refrain:**

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

- 2     **You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. [Refrain]**
- 3     **You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. [Refrain]**
- 4     **You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. [Refrain]**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L:     The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

L:     Equip your church to proclaim the good news that we have first received: the forgiveness and grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen this congregation's partnerships with community organizations and ministries. Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships. God of grace,

C:     **hear our prayer.**

L: Holy are you, O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Soften the hearts of rulers and governments that they perceive and tend to the needs of their people. Remove corruption and the impulse toward violence. Protect first responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain.....  
God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who boldly answered your call. By their example give us courage to live in faith and to proclaim your mercy until the day that you gather us into your glory. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Sing Unto the Lord”

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: **Amen.**

## MEAL

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- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from.*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: **Our Father who art in 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### RECEIVING THE MEAL

L: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### FINAL BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**ELW 798 (verses 1-2,5)**

**1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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**Thank you to Paul Lathrop for providing the audio and video support for our worship services.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

### YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE

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### WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

TEXT: JOHN L. BELL, B. 1949

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