



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

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

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the service. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you would like to serve on a future Sunday.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and youth group will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are required.

### SOUP AND CRACKER COLLECTION CHALLENGE

During Lent please donate canned or packaged soups and crackers to be distributed through the *Little Kitchen Food Shelf*. While our practice of gathering to share soup suppers is on hiatus, we can collect such items and share it with others in our community. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to also participate in this challenge!

Bring donations to the church. Office hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday to Friday or drop donations off on Sunday mornings. Place items in the shopping cart located in the hallway.

For questions contact Myrna Flatland at 612-246-7095 or Janell Wampler at 612-978-0564. Watch for updates on the number of pounds being collected.

**How many pounds of soup and crackers can we collect during the next six weeks?**

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

There will be a new member information class next Sunday, March 13, in the Fireside Room at 10:30 a.m. Masks are required. If you are interested in joining the community of faith at Mt. Carmel, please contact Nancy Nordeen in the church office at 612-781-2796 or [office@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:office@mountcarmelmpls.org).

### 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 or you may call the church office. The cost of one bouquet is \$27. You may pick up the flowers following the service.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/6 Rachel Moore

3/6 Charles Zajac

3/9 Evan Jones

3/10 Zoe Labandz

3/13 Leona Kirkham

### 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.

**Progress Report:** As of 2-27 Mt. Carmel received \$10,026! We have applied for the 1<sup>st</sup> two \$5,000 matches from the Foundation.



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## THRIVENT MEMBERS – CHOICE DOLLARS

Now is the time of year to direct your Choice Dollars. Please, consider directing some or all of these to Mt. Carmel. These dollars are made by Thrivent and do not take the place of your pledged contributions. Thanks.

## THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Dave Samletzka, undergoing knee surgery
- Kim, Bob and Barb Hollister's daughter, who has cancer.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that Peggy, Jodi Wirth's friend, is at home after spending time in transitional care.
- Carol Kwiecien, hospitalized after a fall
- John, Maryjo Wigger's cousin, recovering from the long-term effects of covid
- 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
- Donna, Myrna Flatland's cousin, in Mercy Hospital dealing with autoimmune issues

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

## FELLOWSHIP MARCH

- 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))
- 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))

## 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.

## 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 [mountcarmelimpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelimpls.org/give).

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



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# First Sunday in Lent

## March 6th, 2022

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:  
Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.  
Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.

### GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

**ELW 319**

- 1 **O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.**
- 2 **You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust  
in God's eternal word.**
- 3 **Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.**
- 4 **Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.**

## GREETING

P: 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!**

## KYRIE

### Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

ELW 602

1 Choir: O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

**All:**

**Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,  
by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;  
upon your cross-forsaken Son,  
our death is laid, and peace is won.**

2 Choir: O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All:**

**Your arms extend, O Christ, to save,  
from sting of death and grasp of grave;  
your scars before the Father move  
his heart to mercy at such love.**

3 Choir: O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

**All:**

**O lavish Giver, come to aid,  
the children that your word has made.  
Now make us grow and help us pray;  
bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

L: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind.  
Slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

**ELW p 205**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

**P:** The Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Dave Olson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Change My Heart O God

ELW 801

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

## INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**L:** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. We pray for this assembly. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken all elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially.....  
Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**ELW188**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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).*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom!

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### RECEIVING THE MEAL

P: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**C: Amen.**

# SENDING

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## FINAL BLESSING

**P:** You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always.

**C:** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763 (verses 1-2,4)

**1** My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

#### Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

**2** Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

**4** The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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Thank you to Paul Lathrop for providing the audio and video support for this worship service.

**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

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**Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved, We Know**

Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

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**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

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