



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of March 13, 2022

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the service. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall or click the sign up link in the Candle 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.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY

There will be a new member information class after church in the Fireside Room at 10:30 a.m. Feel free to grab a cup of coffee and bring it with you to the class.

### SOUP AND CRACKER COLLECTION CHALLENGE

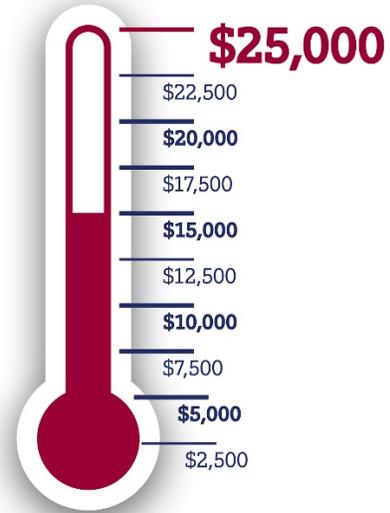
During Lent please donate canned or packaged soups and crackers to be distributed through the *Little Kitchen Food Shelf*. Place items in the shopping cart located in the hallway outside the office.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/13 Leona Kirkham  
3/14 Jens Benedict, Marlene Black, Doug Jacobsen  
3/16 Audrey Erickson

### 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 3/11 Mt. Carmel has received \$15,346! We have applied for three \$5,000 matches from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.



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## THRIVENT MEMBERS – CHOICE DOLLARS

**March 31 is the deadline** 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

- Al Erickson, undergoing two surgeries
- Dave Samletzka, recovering from 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 Wiggen'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

## 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.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN AND ELCA DISASTER RELIEF

See the bulletin insert for opportunities to respond to the crisis in Ukraine. Make a special offering to Lutheran Disaster Response and join us for food packing events at Feed My Starving Children on Apr. 6 and Apr. 8. You can also collect coins in an FMSC coin box that went out in the Lenten soup kits. Contact Audrey Erickson with questions: [ajajeric@gmail.com](mailto:ajajeric@gmail.com) or 763-226-8391.

## MASKING POLICY UPDATE:

Based on lower infection rates and changes to guidelines and mandates, effective Friday, March 4, masks are optional in the church building and on the church bus. We continue to encourage distancing between households, and we continue to ask that anyone who has symptoms of COVID please stay home.



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# Second Sunday in Lent

## March 13th, 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

**As We Gather at Your Table**

**ELW 522**

- 1 **As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**
  
- 2 **Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**
  
- 3 **Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

## 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: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

**ELW 735**

- 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**
- 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**
- 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

## 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: You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving, *especially*) .....

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. 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

Sanctuary Choir

“Thy Holy Wings”

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**ELW 188**

**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

**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

**ELW 618**

- 1** Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2** Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3** When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

## DISMISSAL

- L:** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
- C:** **Thanks be to God!**

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Thank you to Patrick Lathrop and Myrna Flatland for providing the audio and video support for this worship service.

**As We Gather at Your Table**

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

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**Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

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