



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of March 20, 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-5th grade) and youth group will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are required.

PALM SUNDAY SINGERS NEEDED

Children and youth are invited to sing in the Hosanna procession on Palm Sunday. You also will have a Palm to wave as you enter church. It's a lot of fun! If you are interested, please call the church office or email Ruth Bills at ruthbills@gmail.com. We'll plan rehearsals to get ready.

SOUP AND CRACKER COLLECTION CHALLENGE

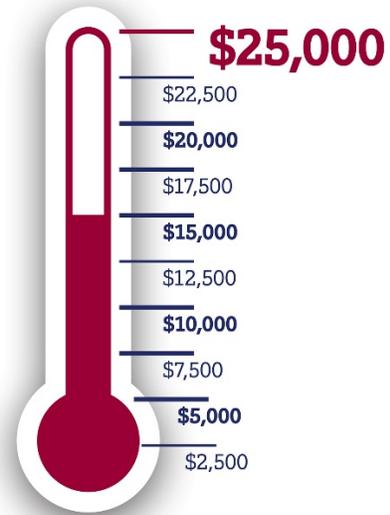
During Lent please donate canned or packaged soups and crackers to be distributed through the *Little Kitchen Food Shelf*. Place items in the shopping cart located in the hallway outside the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/21 Sue Feist
3/25 Cheryl Moroz

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 3/18 Mt. Carmel has received \$16,166! 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

- John, Maryjo Wigger's cousin, that he continues to improve and recover from long covid
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, receiving wound care and transitioning to new housing
- Davetta and Isaiah, Linda Brozek's granddaughter and great-grandchild, who are homeless and looking for employment
- 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
- Joe Prondzinski, Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law, for pain relief and healing
- 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. Please provide an update to the office every 3 weeks if you want your request to remain on our prayers list.

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

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN AND ELCA DISASTER RELIEF

See the bulletin insert for opportunities to respond to the crisis in Ukraine. 100% of your special offering to Lutheran Disaster Response goes to support those impacted by the war. Feed My Starving Children provides meals to Ukraine. Join us for food packing events at FMSC 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 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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Third Sunday in Lent

March 20th, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

- 1** I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2** I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3** I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

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!**

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: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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 13:1-9

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

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

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

**1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons,
bishops, and chaplains; for church councils, committees, and all lay ministry
leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of
their ministry. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands
impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that
produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by
climate change. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: For the leaders of all nations. For those called into positions of civic responsibility: tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing, *especially*
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

“The Tree of Life”

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

- *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.

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

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

Restore In Us, O God

ELW 328

- 1 Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**
- 2 O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.**
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**
- 4 Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding..... Rev. Christine Wenzel
Music Director..... Ruth Bills
Altar GuildJanell Partyka
Liturgist Audrey Erickson
Lector Julie Larson
Soundboard Tech Patrick Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
UsherRick Sundly
Mini-Bus Driver Rick Labandz
Coffee Fellowship.. Benedict Family
Altar Flowers

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved
Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591-1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
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What Wondrous Love Is This
Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Restore In Us, O God
Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
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