



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of March 27, 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.

SOUP AND CRACKER COLLECTION UPDATE

We have collected and donated 60 pounds of food items to the Little Kitchen Food Shelf as of March 16. Thank you!

Let's continue to work together and collect food items and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to participate in this collection challenge.

Bring donations and place in the shopping cart located in the hallway outside the office. How many pounds of soup and crackers can we collect by Sunday, April 17?

PALM SUNDAY SINGERS NEEDED

Children and youth are invited to sing in the Hosanna procession on Palm Sunday. Call the church office or email Ruth Bills at ruthbills@gmail.com. We'll plan rehearsals to get ready.

FOUNDATION MATCHING GIFT

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 the next \$5000 benchmark. 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 3/25 Mt. Carmel has received \$16,826! We have applied for three \$5,000 matches from the Foundation. We are thankful for each and every gift.



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- For the family of Donna Turner, Myrna Flatland's cousin, who passed away on March 8th
- For Eric, Jeanette Burmeister's son, recovering from surgery and processing a cancer diagnosis
- John, Maryjo Wiggen's cousin, that he continues to improve and recover from long covid
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, receiving wound care and transitioning back to live in her group home
- Davetta and Isaiah, Linda Brozek's granddaughter and great-grandchild, who are homeless and looking for employment
- Carol Kwiecien, back home and recuperating after a fall
- 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
- 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 - **3 spots open on Apr. 6 and 8 spots open on 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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/28 Ruth Emerson, Mary Jauss
3/30 Ellen Surbrook
3/31 Allison Wirth
4/1 Chris McMahan



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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27th, 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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

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: Let us pray: 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

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So Jesus told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.**
- 2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.**
- 3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.**

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: Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Countries are divided and leaders harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war, especially in Russia and Ukraine. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving, especially.....
Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. 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

“Kyrie Eleison”

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

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW 339

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 2 You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

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

LiturgistDave Olson

Lector Lory Dubbels

Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop

UsherRick Sundly

Mini-Bus DriverAndy Benedict

Coffee Fellowship..... Carol Panning and Connie Wegner

*Altar flowers are given by Janell and Richard Wampler in memory of their mothers,
Dorothy Wampler and Valita Bradley*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591-1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

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Our Father We Have Wandered

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006

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Christ the Light of All the Living

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.