



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of April 3, 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.

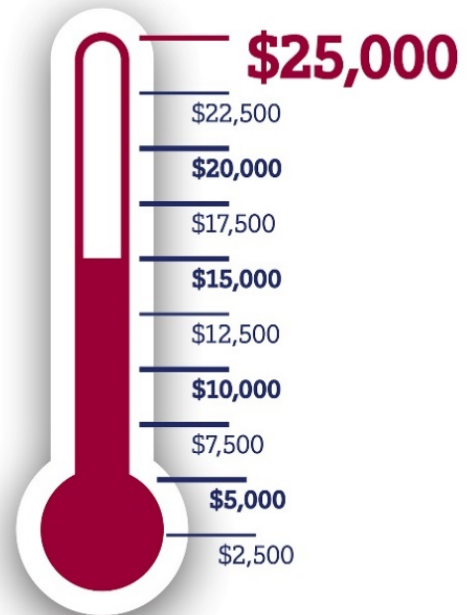
Bring donations and place in the shopping cart located in the hallway outside the office. How many pounds of soup and crackers can we collect by Sunday, April 17?

EASTER BASKET MINISTRY

Do you know a family who could benefit from support for Easter? Let the office know and we will include them in our basket outreach. Please contribute to this ministry with a special offering. We will use the funds to purchase Cub gift cards for each family. Thank you!

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 \$18,340! 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
- Kim, Bob and Barb Hollister's daughter, who has cancer
- 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

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 - **10 spots still 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

- 4/4 Kathy Halverson
- 4/6 Leif Kutzer, Janell Partyka, Liz Pukenis
- 4/7 Al Erickson
- 4/8 Jerry Johnson, Oliver Kutzer



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Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 3, 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

- 1** **When I survey the wondrous cross
 on which the prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss
 and pour contempt on all my pride.**

- 2** **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.**

- 3** **See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

- 4** **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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: John 12:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR ABIGAIL GRACE WIRTH
April 3, 2022**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Parents and sponsors: Who do you present for Baptism?

Parents: We present Abigail Grace Wirth for Baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Abigail to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Abigail and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask everyone gathered here to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce evil in all its forms?

C: **We do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Abigail Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Abigail, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Sustain Abigail with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome Abigail as our new little sister in Christ.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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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: Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations, especially in Russia and Ukraine. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick, especially..... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained their heavenly call. 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

“Lamb of God”

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

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

Refrain:

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. [Refrain]**

**2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. [Refrain]**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. [Refrain]**

**4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain**

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 Guild Janell Partyka
 - LiturgistAl Erickson
 - Lector Barb Johnson
 - Soundboard TechPaul Lathrop and Myrna Flatland
 - Usher..... Rick Sundly
 - Mini-Bus Driver Dave Larson
 - Coffee Fellowship..... Kutzer Family
- Altar Flowers are given by the Wirths in thanksgiving for Abigail Grace’s baptism day!

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

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