



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For Week of Feb. 19, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) will follow worship, running from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Masks are optional.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 22

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. Gustavus Adolphus will join us here for a service at 6:30 p.m.

SOUP SUPPER AND CULVER'S LUNCH

There are two opportunities for worship and fellowship during Lent. A community meal will be served Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the office if your group would like to volunteer to serve the meal on Mar. 29!

New this year is an 11:30 a.m. lunchtime gathering at Culver's in St. Anthony. Order your food and join the group for prayer and discussion in the meeting room.

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. You should have received an e-mail about this from Thrivent with a link to their website. These dollars are made by Thrivent and do not take the place of your pledged contributions. Thanks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 19 – John Hedberg, Jim Felicetta
Feb. 22 – Dorothy Warhol

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE - ELCA DISASTER RELIEF

Special offerings to ELCA Lutheran World Relief are being collected for those impacted by the earthquake in Turkey. Make checks payable to Mt. Carmel. Please write "Turkey" in the memo and place them in a pew envelope. We will send our gifts on to LWR.

FAREWELL PR. STEVE AND DIANE – FEB. 26

During next week's service, we will say goodbye to Pastor Steve and Diane Olson. Join us after church in Fellowship Hall to share your well wishes. Thank you, Pastor Steve and Diane! You will be missed.

JOIN THE BELL CHOIR!

Do you enjoy listening to the Jubilate Bells ring during services and for special occasions? Are you able to read easy piano music? We are struggling to keep the bell choir from disintegrating and would love some new members. We usually play on the 1st Sunday of the month and practice on the two Wednesdays before at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Interested? Contact Ruth Bills or the church office.

FOR YOUTH EYES ONLY!

Hey Mt. Carmel youth (6th-12th grade), we are moving all of our communications to the Band app. Please scan this QR code with your phone, set up your account and join today! Reach out to Jenni Lathrop if you have any questions.



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THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Duane Bills, recovering from cataract surgery
- Dick Anderson, recovering from shoulder surgery
- Tom, Matt Nordeen's father, recovering from hip surgery
- Val Hendrickson, recovering from hip surgery
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, whose wound is almost healed and is staying in the health care center.

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office.

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Gerry Johnson, and Dorothy Warhol

MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bell Choir – Wednesday rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Ruth Bills at ruthabills@gmail.com

Sanctuary Choir – Wednesday rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Ruth Bills at ruthabills@gmail.com

Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. Contact Leona Olson at onondave@yahoo.com

Online Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. via Zoom. Contact Ralph Matthes at marinosdelimpls@gmail.com

Anti-racism Book Study —Meet every other Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. Contact Barb Hollister at 612-590-6469

HELLO, MY NAME IS ...

It's great to be back for in-person worship. Some of us know everyone and some of us really struggle with names and faces. Will you please wear a nametag each Sunday? See Rich Feist for a nametag or fill one out with the ushers in the Narthex.

NEED A RIDE 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 or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.



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



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Transfiguration

February 19, 2023

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Arise Your light Has Come

ELW 314

- 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**
- 2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535 verse 2

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Exodus 24: 12-18

L: The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Halle

ELW p. 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

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

P: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to

Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "The Glory of the Cross"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR NORAH LAVERNE FOLLAND
CHILD OF JASON AND SHERRY
February 19, 2023

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 Norah Laverne Folland 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 Norah 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 she 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 child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Norah 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: Norah Laverne, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Norah, 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 Norah 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 Norah 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous

cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated, *especially* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

L: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir "When God's Time Had Ripened"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
We are an offering.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray the prayer 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The table is ready. All are welcome.

Lamb of God

ELW p. 135

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Grant us peace.**

RECEIVING THE MEAL

P: This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

For those communing online, take the bread. This is the body of Christ, broken for you. Now take the cup. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: **Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

In Thee is Gladness

ELW 867

- 1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.

**Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!**
**We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to remain and enjoy the postlude.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding..... Rev. Steve Olson
Music Director Ruth Bills
Altar Guild Janell Partyka
Liturgist Audrey Erickson
Lector Al Erickson
Soundboard Tech Julie Larson and Patrick Lathrop
Usher Justin Fischer and Steve Ristuben
Mini-bus Doug Jacobsen
Coffee Fellowship Jim and Nancy Felicetta

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