

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church



January 22, 2023

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Many and Great, O God

Hymn 837



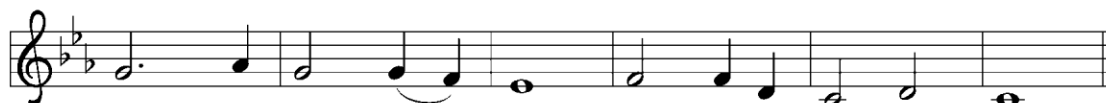
Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com-mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin-gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - sbe - ya - wan-ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter-nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779–1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892–1964, alt.
 Music: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Christ Be Our Light



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Time

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 27

Refrain



Verses

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom should I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom should I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long:
 to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
3. I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living;
 hope in God, and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

Text: Psalm 27:1-2, 4, 13-14; David Haas
 Music: David Haas
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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God

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Alleluia Verse



Music: Bob Moore © Augsburg Fortress

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Richard Rollefson

1. You have come down to the lake-shore seek-ing
 2. You know full well what I have, Lord: nei-ther
 3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion, work-ing
 4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters; you, the

nei-ther the wise nor the wealth-y, but on-ly
 trea-sure nor wea-pons for con-quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea-ry a love that's
 long-ing of souls that are yearn-ing: O lov-ing

ask-ing for me to fol-low.
 fish nets and will for work-ing.
 will-ing to go on lov-ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain (English or Spanish)

Se-ñor, me has mi-ra-do a los o-jos; son ri-
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in-to my eyes; kind-ly

en-do, has di-cho mi nom-bre. En la a-
 smil-ing, you've called out my name. On the

re-na he de-ja-do mi bar-ca;
 sand I have a-ban-doned my small boat;

jun-to a ti - bus-ca-ré o-tro mar.
 now with you, I will seek oth-er seas.

Affirmation of Faith

God is our eternal light shining grace and love upon us.

**In the mystery and wonder of creation,
 God's glory is made manifest.**

**In Jesus Christ, God's own face is disclosed
 and God's will is revealed
 in compassion and forgiveness.**

**By the indwelling of Holy Spirit
 God's truth enlightens and guides our way**

with faith and hope.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer requests: Sid & Beryl Bennett; Elsa Brody; Steve & JoAnn Bennett; Dave Lonsway & Family; Matthew Moersdorf; Family of Ed Dresp; Family of Marilyn Brown; Janis Sexton's family

Prayers for our church family: Jennifer Remington; John & Ruth Rollefson; Richard & Cyndi Rollefson

The Peace & Announcements

MEAL

Offering Prayer

God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother's womb,
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace;
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,
our banquet of life.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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Prayer after Communion

God of wonder,
 in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.
 As you have come among us now,
 send us out in joy, hastening to share
 the good news of your love.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.
 Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The Light of Christ surrounds us, the love of Christ enfolds us,
the power of Christ protects us, the presence of Christ watches over us,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

I Will Follow

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow (Oh oh oh)

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You (yeah)

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks to:

Greeter:

Usher:

Lector: Chuck Kilstrom

Communion Servers:

Coffee Server: Carol Harvey

Altar Guild:

Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson / Matt Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega / Janis Sexton / Carlyn Hinds