

## MOUNT CARMEL



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## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

#### <u>Hymns</u>:

TLH 13: Before Jehovah's Awe-full Throne TLH 28: Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise TLH 19: All Praise to God, Who Reigns Alone TLH 467: 1-2, 7: Built on the Rock

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

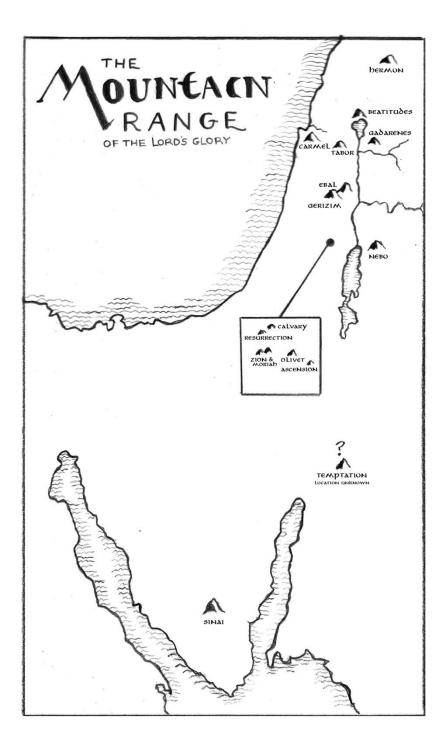
Worship Prep: Psalm 42, TLH p. 133 Liturgy: WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 18:17-45 Passion Harmony

#### Sermon: 1 Kings 18:19-21

<sup>19</sup> "Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." <sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. (*NKJV<sup>TM</sup>*)

# MOUNT CARMEL: WHERE THE LORD REVEALS HE IS OUR GOD



# CLC E-Devotion – October 5, 2016

Who is your "Hero of Faith" from the Bible? I asked a few pastor friends of mine, "Who, besides Jesus, is your favorite person in the Bible and why?"

#### "BY FAITH ALONE" -- LIKE ELIJAH (THE TISHBITE)

One of my friends described Elijah's faith as, "One who was so bold to bring the Word of God in a godless time."

Who could forget the amazing showdown on Mount Carmel-- Elijah and the LORD versus the 70 prophets of Baal! Elijah's courage and boldness for the LORD on that day was amazing. By faith alone, Elijah fully trusted in the LORD as fire was sent by God from heaven, vaporizing the flooded bull offering! But under pressure, Elijah's faith faltered. He went and fled, and hid for his life from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. How could Elijah forget what the LORD had done on Mount Carmel? Maybe the better question is, how could we?

In the deep darkness of the cave and in his mind, the LORD came to Elijah again. Not by fire. Not by earthquake or strong wind. No, the LORD came to Elijah in a "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12). The LORD came to Elijah with His Word. It was God's Word alone that rekindled a flickering faith in Elijah. It is God's Word that still kindles the fire of faith in you as well. Elijah boldly went out and left his cave of sorrow to carry out the will of the LORD, and to spread His Word and message.

How about you? You and I often find ourselves in our own darkness of sin and depression. We can get lost, like Elijah did, and reside in a dark cave of thinking that God has left us all alone! But by faith alone we trust in God's still small voice. We trust in God's promise of redemption for our sin. We trust in Christ's cross on Mount Calvary, which was His sacrifice that consumed the full fire of God's righteous wrath for our sins. Whether it be Mount Carmel or Mount Calvary, by faith alone, like Elijah we can trust in the faithfulness of the LORD's presence in His still small voice in His Holy Word, the Bible!

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled, Or we must die despairing, Christ came and hath God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He hath for us the Law obeyed, And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended. (The Lutheran Hymnal, 377:5)

## ት The Announcements ተ

Midweek Lenten Services: Our midweek services continue this Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm. Our theme is "The Mountain Range of the LORD's Glory," meditations based on



biblical events occurring at mountains. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf. The service is preceded by a soup supper at 6 pm to which anyone is invited to attend.

- Among Us: Dorothy Hammond is recovering from her hip replacement at home and is doing well. Shelli Quackenboss-Kelley, stepmother to Dan Kelley, passed away this week after being hit by a truck. We pray for Dan and his family during this trying time.
- ILC Tour Choir: This week the ILC Tour Choir will be going to CLC congregations in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. What does this mean to the singers? Several members of the 2022 choir made this video, giving their personal impressions of what it means to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Crucified in song: tinyurl.com/tchoir-22.
- Education Seminar: Doctor Daniel Schierenbeck and Pastors Nathanael Mayhew and Mark Tiefel will be presenting a seminar entitled "Evaluating Education - A Biblical Perspective on Critical Questions." This will be held at Celebration of Life Center (1717 Devney Drive, Altoona, WI) tonight at 6:30 pm. A video will be produced.
- ➡ Arts Camps: Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN is hosting Arts Camp for students grades 5-8 from March 25-27. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more. Info. at: www.ImmanuelMankato.org/school/arts-camp.
- Black Hills Family Bible Camp: The camp runs from the evening of Fri. July 15 through the morning of Tue. July 19. To sign up or for more info., contact Pastor Aaron Ude (605) 393-1311/aaronude@gmail.com.
- CLC News: Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI (Detroit area), has received this call. † Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, has accepted the call to be the Lower Grade Teacher at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN. † Teacher Debra Mayhew has received the call to be the Lower Grade Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN.
- Sunday School Memory Work: #21 Third Article, Part 3

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 8 Month	Balance 2/28/2022
General Fund ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	677,618 1,131,788	811,996 963,191	840,000 964,800	<b>- 134,378</b> 168,597
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	124,590	352,273	295,976		180,887
ILC Building Projects **	1,096,716	143,106	9,862		1,229,260
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	128,288	88,766		171,835
Kinship	182,119	133,457	107,050		208,526
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	3,527,885	-166,688	1,198,751		2,162,446
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	133,585	60,288	78,402		115,471
CLC Reserve Fund (YTDgains/losses)	300,222	-46,156	0		254,066
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,497,430	\$604,568	\$1,778,807		\$4,323,191

#### **CLC Financial Report - February**

- **General Fund February** offerings were \$74,582 **VS** disbursements of \$90,424, a negative monthly cash flow of \$15,482, increasing the General Fund indebtedness to -\$134,378. YTD offerings are \$162,382 short of estimated needs, while YTD disbursements are \$28,000 below estimated expenses for the 8 months of the fiscal year. The General Fund struggles to provide the main subsidy (\$1,260,000) for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed & Publication.
- **ILC Operations February** revenue was \$126,395 (\$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$107,846 (wages/benefits \$78,679), a positive monthly cash flow of \$18,549.
- **IIF February** revenue: \$660 **VS** \$1,854 disbursed (hail insurance repairs). Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for **Feb & YTD** were: \$498 & \$2,890. Principal value market change --\$1,806.
- **ILC Building Projects February** offerings: \$690 **VS** \$0 disbursements. Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for **Feb & YTD** were \$4,055 & \$27,905, while changes in principal (capital) value were negative --\$33,513 due to market movements.
- **CEF February** revenue: \$25,272 loan repayments & \$50 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$22,194 (\$18,131 semi-annual Note interest paid & \$3,727 admin expenses). Realized earnings **Feb & YTD** were \$9,241 & \$60,467. Changes in principal value were negative -- \$33,513 due to the market.
- **MDF February** offerings \$6,233 (\$378 special) **VS** disbursements of \$12,393, incl \$3,486 for Church Bldg Aid, \$3,000 bicycles, \$4,769 part time missionaries/conferences, \$1,137 for admin expenses.
- SAF February receipts: \$5,674 (\$3,974 loan repayments & \$1,700 special gift) VS \$7,882 disbursed for student grants/loans/scholarships; \$976 admin expenses. Realized earnings Feb & YTD were: Endowment: \$6,217 & \$36,224; PMP grant: \$7,641 & \$44,526; Scholarship Fund: \$504 & \$2,940.

Kinship – February: Received: \$29,192 offerings & sponsors VS disbursed: \$7,208 (\$2,990, orphans; \$2,180 seminary students; \$1,000 medical assistance; \$90, widows).

\*\* Fluctuations up & down in the <u>revenue</u> column above for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund are partially due to gains & losses in their respective portfolio values due to market fluctuations from month to month. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances, which also reflect disbursements from the funds. The earnings (interest & dividends) are real, constant, & cumulative each month, as are other blessings from the Lord!



# 2022 ILC Tour Choir Schedule

Trinity, Millston, WI Sunday, March 6; 11:00 am
St. Peter's, Iron River, WI Saturday, March 12; 1:00 pm
Calvary, Marquette, MISunday, March 13, 9:30 am
Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI Sunday, March 13, 7:00 pm
Mt. Zion, Madison Hts., MI (Detroit)Monday, March 14; 7:00 pm
Faith, Coloma, MI Tuesday, March 15; 6:30 pm
Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI Wednesday, March 16; 7:00 pm
Ascension, Batavia, IL (Chicago)Thursday, March 17; 7:00 pm
Messiah, Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee) Friday, March 18; 7:00 pm
Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI Saturday, March 19; 1:30 pm
Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI Saturday, March 19; 7:00 pm
Living Hope, Appleton, WISunday, March 20; 9:00 am
Faith, Markesan, WI Sunday, March 20; 3:00 pm
St. Paul's, Melrose, WISunday, March 27; 1:30 pm
Messiah, Eau Claire, WI Sunday, March 27, 6:30 pm

### ት TODAY AT GRACE ት

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter; Bob Vandeveer

Counting Team 3: Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Volunteer?

### ት Next Week at Grace ት

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter; Bob Vandeveer

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al **Rosendahl: Dave Rust** 

Hospitality Team 4: Bonnie Baker: Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow

Church Cleaners: Fleischer

### ት OUR SCHEDULE ት

Sun., Mar. 13:	Daylight Saving 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Bible ( 10:00 am – Wors 12:00 pm – Cour	Practice Class ship Service	e (Lent 2)	ahead one	hour)
Wed., Mar. 16:	4:30-6:15 pm – C			School Stu	dents
	6:00 pm – Lenter				
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Sun., Mar. 20:	8:30 am – Choir				
	9:00 am – Bible (		"		
	10:00 am – Wors		e (Lent 3)		
	11:00 am – Hosp				
Mon. Mar. 21:	Grace School Re	esumes fron	n Spring E	Break	
Sun., April 17:	<u>EASTER</u>				CDACE
	7:30 am - Easter	r Breakfast			GRACE
	9:00 am - Easter	r Festival W	/orship		FRIDLET
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Last Week's Sta	ats: Mar. 6, 2022	Sun.: 42	S.S.: NA	B.CI.: NA	Wed.: 47
Sun. Offerin			,324	CLC:	\$285
Wed. Offerin	ng: Grac	e: \$	5184	CLC:	\$20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,324	CLC: \$285	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$184	CLC: \$20	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC: 1,020	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,742	CLC: -715	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$33,786	CLC: \$7,440	-
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	42,500	CLC: 10,200	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,714	CLC: -2,760	
GLC Other: 350	Living Faith:	20	Tuition Aid: 50	-
SAF Endowment: 50	MDF:	150	Kinship: 170	
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0	
Current Palances	Tuition Aid:	¢227*	Organ:  \$40,177	-

*Jurrent Balances:* Tuition Aid: \$327' Organ: \$49,177 \*\$3,900 was distributed for the tuition of the two students attending ILHS, \$1,950 ea.