

This Week's Schedule

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Sunday, December 11th *The Angel Song is True*

8:30 AM: Sunday School

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at faithlilacway.org

10:30 AM: Treats and Talk in the Library

Monday, December 12th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th

6:00 PM Council Budget Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th

2:00 PM Midweek Advent Service at Robbins Way—all are invited!

6:30 PM Midweek Advent Service in FLW Sanctuary—all are invited!

6:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 18th

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at faithlilacway.org

10:30 AM Treats and Talk in the library



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Sunday Worship

December 11, 2022

The Angel Song Is True



Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

Activity bags for children are in the entry. The Nursery (down the hall) is available for families with young children to use.

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

We are in a green zone, which means a reduced risk of infection and masks are at your own discretion.

Prelude

Gathering Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW #264 v. 1,3,4

Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: **Refrain**

His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: **Refrain**

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Beloved children of God, Let us confront our sins, and confess them to God who is merciful and just and abounding in steadfast love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have sinned, we have not followed your way.

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Announcements



**Advent-Watch,
Hope.**

Wait, Wonder and

Wednesday Midweek Advent Services
On Dec 7, 14, 21

Wednesdays at 2 PM at **Robbins Way**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at **FLW**

Dec 21 will be a "Blue Christmas" service



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: 4:30pm and 10:30pm
(Prelude at 4:10pm and 10:10pm)
Christmas Day: 9:30am

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold.

When peace shall over all the earth
It's ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Blessing

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✚ bless you now and forever.

Dismissal

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank You to Our Wonderful Choir!

A special thank you to the Chancel Choir and to the Ladies Ensemble Choir for providing us with beautiful music today as we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas! And another special thank you to Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson for directing our choirs!

Janis Anderson*	Sue Ferkingstad
Clint Hughes	Jessica Hughes*
Chris Ipsen	Ruth Kuder*
Heather Lane	Marty Moores
Anne Ng*	Ann Nowak*
Dave Peloquin	Mary Peloquin*
Brenda Thompson	

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We open our hearts to you. Search us and know us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

People of God, God is doing a new thing. You have put on + Christ. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting *Come Light Our Hearts v. 1*

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken



For You, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. For You, O Lord, our
souls in still-ness wait. Truly our hope is in You. Truly our hope is in You.
1. O Lord of life, our on-ly hope, Your ra-diance shines on all who look to You in the
2. O joy a-bove all oth-er loves, in You we find more than e-nough. We come as we
dark; are; Em-man-u-el - come, come light our hearts.
O heal-and-re-store, come light our hearts.

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L: Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus. O ransomed people of the Lord, come, **Let us sing and rejoice as we travel God's holy way.**

Come Light Our Hearts v. 2

Prayer of the Day

God of music and mystery,
With instruments and voices we join with all of creation in praising you. In this Advent season, as we lean into the mystery of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, we give you thanks for the gift of music and ask that you receive our grateful praises. Amen.

Gloria for All Seasons

Jay Althouse
Ladies Ensemble

(sung in Latin)
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you. We bless you.
We adore you. We glorify you.

1st Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 35th chapter.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song

Wait For the Lord

ELW #262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

“What Child is This”

Piano/Cello Arrangement by Eric Carlson (ASCAP)

Paula Lindgren, cello - Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson, piano

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Faithful God, in this meal you bring heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Song

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heav’n’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Words of Institution

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.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Then We Shall Sing for Joy

Bradley Ellingboe
Chancel choir

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened.
Then shall the ears of the deaf unstopped.
then shall the lame man leap like a hart,
And then we shall sing for joy.*

*Then shall the waters break forth in the desert.
Streams shall flow and the earth be glad
then shall the dry land blossom and bloom
And then we shall sing for joy.*

*The ransomed of the Lord shall return,
And come to Zion with singing.
Joy everlasting shall be on their heads
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened.
Then shall the ears of the deaf unstopped.
then shall the lame man leap like a hart,
And then we shall sing for joy.*

2nd Lesson James 5:7-10 (NRSV)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Keep Your Lamps

traditional spiritual, arr. by John Leavitt
Ladies Ensemble

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary,
Til' your work is done.*

*Children don't stop praying,
Til' your work is done*

*Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.*

Gospel Acclamation

What Feast of Love ELW #487 v. 2

What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

Gospel Luke 2:1-20 (MSG)

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter

Glorify to you, O Lord.

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

*This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!*

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Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
**Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Offering Response *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Sung Response for Prayers– *Blessed Be God, Who Forgives*
...God in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

Blessed Be God, Who Forgives

Bless-ed be God, who for - gives all our sins, who
heals all our ills, who crowns us with mer - cy and love.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs.... In Jesus' name we
pray.

Amen

Offering

Christ Child Noel

arr. by Patti Drennan
Chancel choir
Soloist: Sue Ferkingstad

*Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all;
Christ the babe is Lord of all!*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;*

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's
praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,

Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over.
“Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what
God has revealed to us.” They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told
everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who
heard the shepherds were impressed.

Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within
herself. The shepherds returned and let loose, glorifying and praising
God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the
way they'd been told!

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Away in a Manger

traditional American, arr. by Jantz Black
Chancel Choir

*Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay*

*The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask You to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with You there*

Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Jean de Brébeuf
Chancel choir
Soloist: Anne Ng

*'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:*

*Refrain:
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.*

*Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round,
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:*

*The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.*

*O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.*

Reflection

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. by Tony Alonso

Verse 1, 2 - Choir and congregation

Verse 3 Choir only

Verse 4 choir and congregation

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes full homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way;
as the Light of light, descending
from the realms of endless day,
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,
as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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**

Prayers of the People