

## This Week's Schedule

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**Sunday, December 25th—Merry Christmas!**

9:30 AM Pajama Christmas Service

10:30 AM Christmas Treats and Talk

**Monday, December 26th**

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**Thursday, December 29th**

2 PM–8 PM Red Cross Blood Drive at FLW

**Sunday, January 1st—Happy New Year!**

9:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary, Parking Lot and Streaming online at [www.faihlilacway.org](http://www.faihlilacway.org)

10:30 AM New Years Treats and Talk

**Monday, January 2nd**

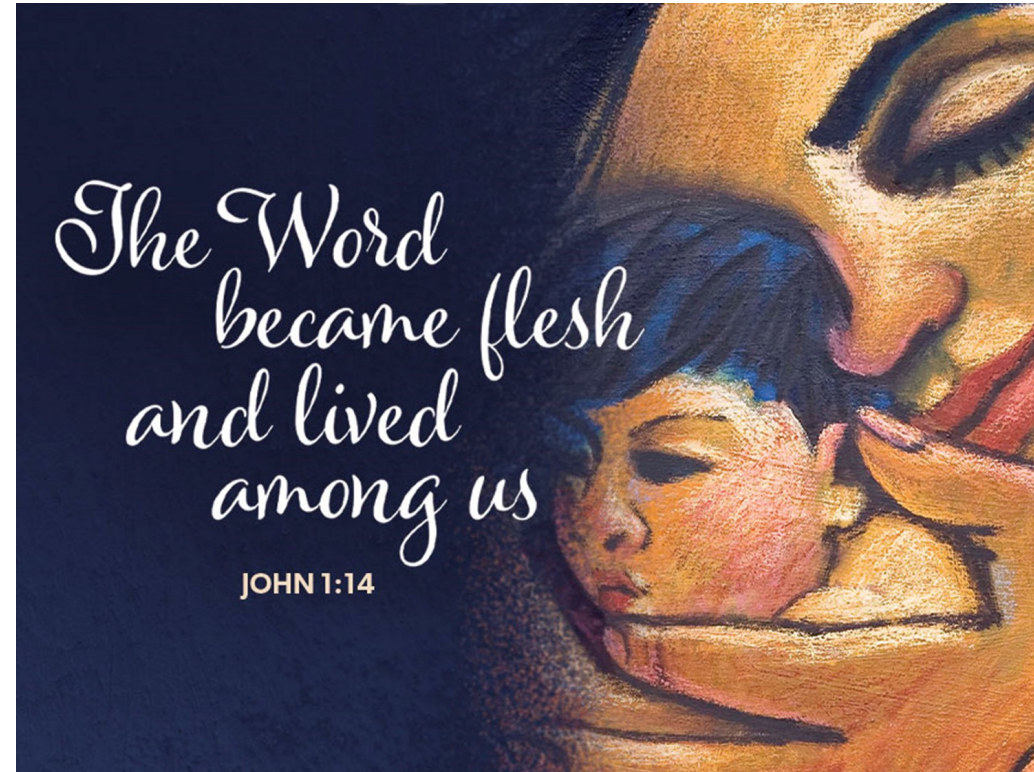
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# Sunday Worship

**December 25, 2022**



# 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.

## Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Intern Pastor  
Interim Music Director  
Chancel choir  
Lector

Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane  
Vicar Joanna Kathol  
Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson  
Sue Ferkingstad

## Prelude

### Gathering Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

### **Refrain:**

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **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.

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

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### **Communion Blessing**

### **Communion Prayer**

God our redeemer,  
**you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

ELW #290

### **Refrain**

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

### **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. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.**

### **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**

*Cold December Flies Away*

ELW #299

Cold December flies away  
at the rose-red splendor.  
April's crowning glory breaks  
while the whole world wonders  
at the holy unseen pow'r  
of the tree which bears the flow'r.  
On the blessed tree  
blooms the reddest flow'r.  
On the tree blooms the rose  
here in love's own garden,  
full and strong in glory.

In the hopeless time of sin  
shadows deep had fallen.  
All the world lay under death.  
Eyes were closed in sleeping.  
But, when all seemed lost in night,  
came the sun whose golden light  
brings unending joy,  
brings the endless joy  
of our hope, highest hope,  
of our hope's bright dawning,  
Son belov'd of heaven.

Now the bud has come to bloom,  
and the world awakens.  
In the lily's purest flow'r  
dwells a wondrous fragrance.  
And it spreads to all the earth  
from the moment of its birth;  
and its beauty lives.  
In the flow'r it lives,  
in the flow'r, and it spreads  
in its heav'nly brightness  
sweet perfume delightful.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,

**you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Lesson:** Isaiah 52:7-10

The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 52nd chapter.

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm:** Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. R**

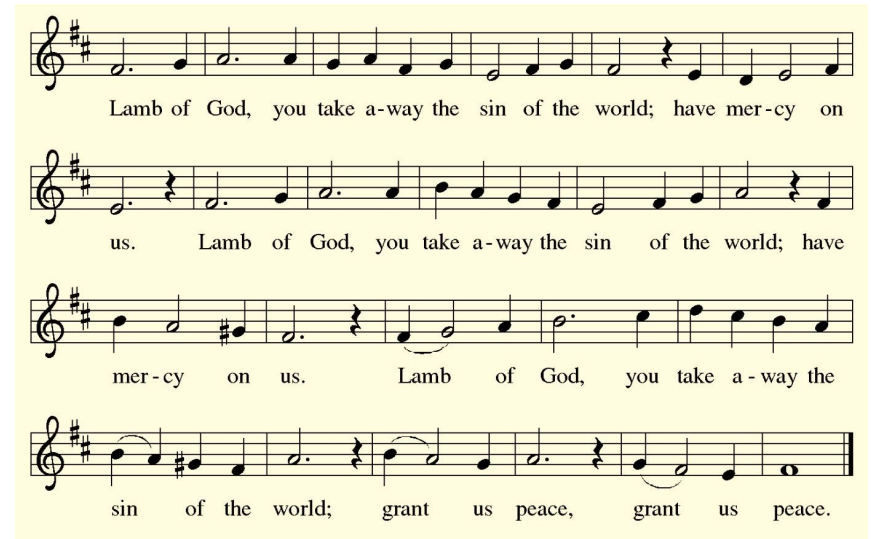
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to  
judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and repetitive, with rests indicating where the words are sung.

## **Communion Distribution**

### **Communion Song**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

ELW #288

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

## 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.**

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

The second lesson is from Hebrews, the first chapter.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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 John 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John the 1st Chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Vicar Joanna Kathol

### Hymn of the Day

*The Bells of Christmas*

ELW #298

The bells of Christmas chime once more;  
the heav'nly guest is at the door.  
He comes to earthly dwellings still  
with new year gifts of peace, good will.

This world, though wide and far outspread,  
could scarcely find for you a bed.  
Your cradle was a manger stall,  
no pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.

Now let us go with quiet mind,  
the swaddled babe with shepherds find,  
to gaze on him who gladdens them,  
the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.

Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,  
to keep our Christmas with our king,  
until our song, from loving souls,  
like rushing mighty water rolls!

### 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

### 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 in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

### Offering

Anthem

### Offering Prayer

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

ELW #294 v. 3

God of abundance,  
**receive and bless these gifts we have offered.**  
**Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.**  
**Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**  
**Amen.**

### Offering Response *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him-give my heart.