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Sunday, December 24th

9:30 AM Christmas Cookies in the Library
10:00 AM Christmas Family Service
11:00 AM Christmas Cookies in the Library
4:30 PM Christmas Candlelight Service (4:20 PM Prelude)
10:30 PM Christmas Candlelight Service (10:20 PM Prelude)

Monday, December 25th

Office Closed

Thursday, December 28th

1:00 PM-8:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive at FLW

Sunday, December 31st

9:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary and Streaming online at www.faihlilacway.org
10:30 AM New Years Treats and Talk

Monday, January 1st

Office Closed



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Sunday Worship

December 24, 2023

10:00am



*The Word became flesh
and lived among us*

JOHN 1:14

Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

All who believe are welcome to commune. You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white) and bread or a gluten free wafer - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Peace

Gathering Hymn ***Angels from the Realms of Glory*** ELW 275

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Litany from Psalm 96 1-3, 11-13 and Isaiah 9:6

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord;

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Interested in serving on the FLW Council?

Join a group of committed congregants serving FLW in planning, reviewing, and prayerfully discerning good pathways for our church. If you are interested in finding out more about council involvement, please contact Pastor Pam.

WELCA-Back! Rescheduled Event!

Women – you are invited to a gathering of women on **Thursday, January 11th at 5:30 PM** at Linda Fernelius' home. We will be reimagining ideas for ways women at FLW can connect, engage, serve and have fun together.

Bring an item to create a delicious Romaine Salad to enjoy together.

Salad greens will be provided.

See Linda Fernelius or Jessica Hughes for details.

And yes, you can bring a friend!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 28, 2023

1:00-8:00 PM



Schedule Your Blood Donation — We need your help to ensure essential medical care is not delayed. Donate blood. It's the blood on the shelves that helps in times of emergency. Donate blood. Free mini physical. Register in minutes at <https://redcrossblood.org> type in 55422 and locate FLW under the December 28, 2023 listing. You can also scan the QR code below:



Annual Meeting and Congregational Potluck
Sunday, January 28, 2024
Following 9:30 AM Worship



Bring a dish to share if you are able and join us for a delicious meal, wonderful fellowship and a productive Annual Meeting.

(P.S. We always have more than enough, so if you are not a cook or don't have time - come anyway!)

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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, **heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem. Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal in that same child, that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

First Lesson Titus 3:4-7 (NRSV)

The lesson is from Titus, the 3rd chapter.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Word of Life, Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Song

Hark the Herald Angels ELW 270 vs. 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

The Gospel of Luke 2:1-20

Told by the Children of Faith

Away in a Manger

ELW 277 vs 1

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.



Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

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**

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.**

Announcements

Christmas Cookies!

Join us today before and after worship for Christmas cookies and conversation in the library! Then come back again at 4:30pm and/or 10:30pm for the Christmas Candlelight Service. Prelude begins at 4:20pm and 10:20pm.



Poinsettias



Thank you to all who have given poinsettias to help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas! Families are welcome to take their poinsettias home after the 4:30pm and 10:30pm Christmas Candlelight Service.

Mission of the Month

Support the Mission of FLW with a Gift of Love

Faith Lilac Way has a tradition of supporting our partner ministries through our budget and through Mission of the Month. In the final month of the year, we ask for a Gift of Love to support the ministries of this congregation, above and beyond the regular gifts that our members, associate members and friends entrust to us. Thank you for considering giving a Gift of Love to support the ministry we share. To give your gift, please indicate Gift of Love on your gift (either in the memo of a check, on the envelope or choosing the Mission of the Month option online).

Worship Leaders

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Intern Pastor	Vicar Karen Peterson
Music Director	Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Music	Chancel Choir
Lector.....	Lydia Foster
Gospel Story.....	Children of Faith
Communion Assistant.....	Lydia Foster Debbie Overman Brianna Overman Gina Swanson
Usher	Debbie Bren Kevin Peterson
Altar Guild.....	Kim Ipsen
Streaming.....	Steve Ferkingstad Dave Fernelius

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Prayers of the People

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

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

Offering

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

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Offering Prayer

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

What Child is This?

ELW 296 vs. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

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.

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.**

Communion Distribution



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

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ELW 271 vs. 1,2,5

I am so glad each Christmas Eve,
the night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth,
and angels sang on earth.

The little child in Bethlehem,
he was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above
to help a world in need.

And so I love each Christmas Eve,
and I love Jesus too;
and that he loves me ev'ry day
I know so well is true

The First Noel

ELW 300 vs 1 & 2

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. ***Refrain***

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.**

Announcements

Sending Song

Joy to the World

ELW 267 vs. 1,2,4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing

May God bless you and keep you, May +Jesus grant you grace and truth, and may the Holy Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.