

Weekly Schedule

Every Sunday -online worship & printable bulletins

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Sunday, February 25th

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Potluck with Greater St. John

3:00 PM Movie and Games-*The Prince of Egypt*

Monday, February 26th

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

Tuesday, February 27th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 28th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

3:30 PM Faith Formation

5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 29th

1:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive

6:00 PM Wildfire Planning Committee Meeting in the Library

Friday, March 1st

Office Closed

Sunday, March 3rd

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Treats & Talk

10:45 AM Internship Committee Meeting



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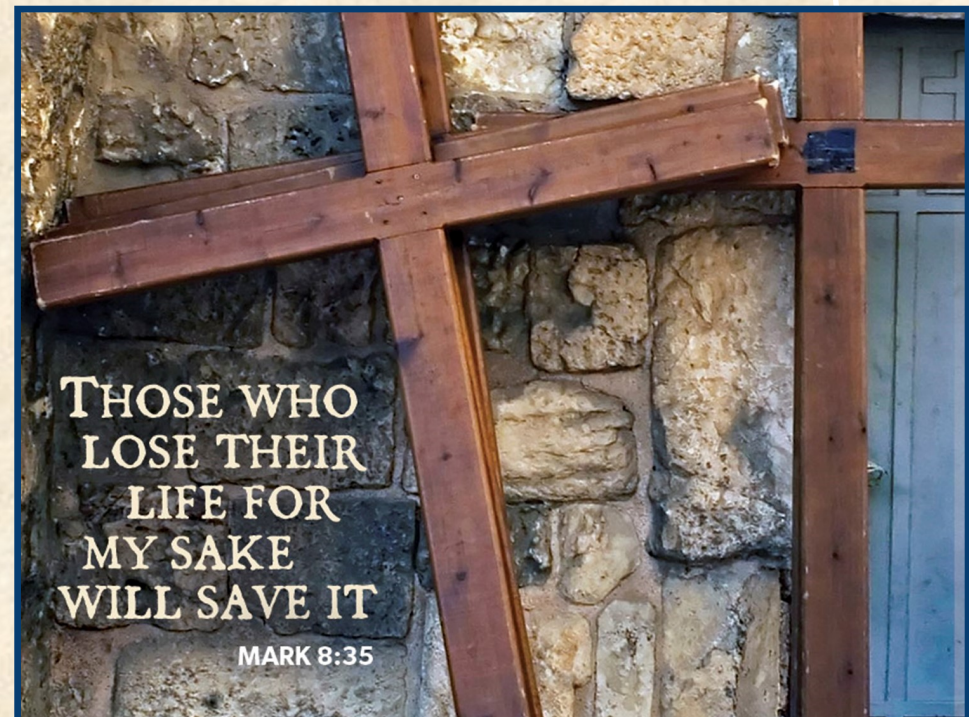
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Sunday Worship

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent



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

Announcements

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation ELW 796

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of
one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please sit or kneel if you are able.

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot
break free. There are times when we: hoard resources while our**

Communion Prayer

Generous God, **at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf
to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you
and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give
you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Children of God, you are God's beloved.

Go in Grace, Grow in Faith. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
 there's a precious fountain;
 free to all, a healing stream
 flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
 be my glory ever;
 till my ransomed soul shall find
 rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
 love and mercy found me;
 there the bright and morning star
 sheds its beams around me. **Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
 bring its scenes before me;
 help me walk from day to day
 with its shadow o'er me. **Refrain**

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
 hoping, trusting ever,
 till I reach the golden strand
 just beyond the river. **Refrain**

Communion Blessing

neighbors are hungry and cold; speak in ways that silence others; are silent when we should speak up; let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **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.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

God of the living, **through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. In this season of Lent, help us take up your invitation to discipleship. Sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NRSV)

The first lesson is from Genesis, the 17th chapter.

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of

you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10 (NRSV)

Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Show Me Your Ways, O Lord

Psalm 25

Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your
 paths. Show me your ways, O Lord, and
 teach me your paths.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths. Refrain**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way. Refrain**

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. Refrain**

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25 (NRSV)

The second lesson is from Romans, the 4th chapter.

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.**

Communion Distribution

Offering

Jesus, You Have Called Us

Payne

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Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

Offering Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The 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:

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day

Let us Ever Walk with Jesus ELW 802

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**