

Weekly Schedule

Every Sunday -online worship & printable bulletins
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Sunday, February 4th

8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Treats and Talk
10:45 AM Racial In/Justice (Library)

Monday, February 5th

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

Tuesday, February 6th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer
10:30 AM Bible Study
3:30 PM Faith Education
6:00 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 8th

6:30 PM WELCA Card Making at Sue Ferkingstad's Home

Friday, February 9th

Office Closed

Sunday, February 11th

8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Treats and Talk

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**FAITH-LILAC WAY
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Sunday Worship



**Jesus took her
by the hand
and lifted
her up**

MARK 1:31

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ELW 843

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Thursday, February 8th before 4pm **and/or** on Friday, February 9th from 9-11am, **or** Friday after 2pm at Holy Nativity. If you can help package baked goods, Linda Fernelius would appreciate any and all help starting at 2pm Friday at Holy Nativity.

Please join the fun while supporting FLW's mission to raise funds for Every Meal.

Mission of the Month Every Meal



During our annual meeting the congregation voted and Every Meal was one of the top 6 missions chosen. Faith-Lilac Way and other Wildfire Churches are partnering with Every Meal because we want to make sure children in our neighborhood have enough food to eat.

More than 300,000 Minnesota children live with food insecurity. Every Meal fights child hunger by focusing on filling the food gaps children face on weekends, extended breaks, and summer when they're not able to access school meal programs. When they don't have consistent access to enough food, the risk of hunger is very real. Through our multiple food gap programs, we provide children and families experiencing food insecurity with access to good food. Faith-Lilac Way and other Wildfire churches support Every Meal financially and some of our volunteers go to the local schools to put the bags in the children's backpacks so they will have enough to eat. Want to help? Either come to the "Marty" Gras Fundraiser and/or make a donation to our February Mission of the Month. If writing a check, make the check out to FLW and write Every Meal in the memo line.

Ash Wednesday - February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

This Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday. On a day that is arguably the most solemn day, a day in which we remember our mortality, we will also be remembering God's great love for us. After all, it's Valentine's Day! So, come and receive an ashen cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are God's beloved. Come and see how the Holy Spirit is at work, altering our hearts and the world because, while the weather may be cold, God's love is warm enough to make you melt. We're giving away both ashen crosses and chocolate hearts.

You are invited:

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Soup and Services

Lenten Soup and Supper

February 14, 21,28, March 6,13,20

5:00 PM Soup Supper

6:30 PM Worship

Come for soup and fellowship and then stay for the service!

Cards, Cookies, and Cabernet & Chardonnay

Calling all women of FLW! Join us this Thursday night, February 8th, 6:30pm at Sue Ferkingstad's house. Fun and fellowship! Sign up sheet in the narthex.



You are invited to a night of
Cards, Cookies,
and Cabernet & Chardonnay
Brought to you by WELCA.
Come and make "easy" Valentines cards for our homebound friends and you could make a few for yourself for friends and family.
Everyone is welcome!!!

THURSDAY, FEB 8, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CARDS AND COOKIES

SUE'S HOUSE
3111 DREW AVENUE NORTH
ROBBINSDALE

"Marty" Gras Fundraiser for Every Meal

Saturday February 10, 2024

Noon-3:00

**Holy Nativity Lutheran Church,
3900 Winnetka Avenue North, New Hope**

**It's a pizza party, bingo (with fun prizes), bake sale,
and "heads or tails" afternoon.**

Credit cards accepted.



FLW will be in charge of the bake sale and can use your help! We need people to donate homemade baked goods and help package baked goods for the sale. Donations can be dropped off at FLW on 10

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always followed you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, **you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV)

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 40th chapter.

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.**

Announcements

Sending Song

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW 860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Children of God, you are God's beloved.
Go in Grace, Grow in Faith. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,
in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (NRSV)

Thes second lesson is from 1 Corinthians, the 9th chapter.

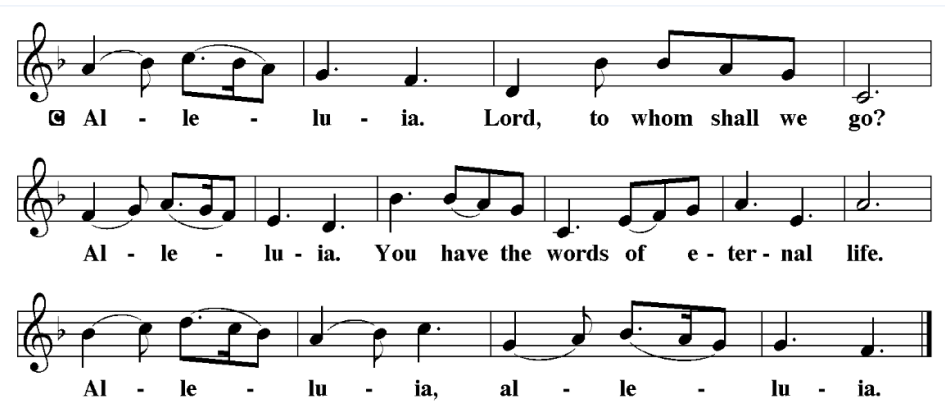
If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark the first chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Karen Petersen

Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. **Refrain**

Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **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.**

Prayers of the People

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

.....God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offering

In the Shadow of Your Wings

Medema and Harris

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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offering Response

The steadfast love
Of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.

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