

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 at the table for 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!)

Weekly Schedule

Every Sunday -online worship & printable bulletins
available at faithlilacway.org

(After the 9:30 service has streamed, there may be a slight delay)

Sunday, January 14th

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Treats & Talk

10:45 AM Racial In/Justice Conversation

Monday, January 15th

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

3:30 PM Faith Education

6:00 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, January 19th

Office Closed

Sunday, January 21st

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Treats & Talk with Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children

10:45 AM Racial In/Justice Conversation

3:00 PM Movie: Frozen

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Sunday Worship



January 14, 2024
Second 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

Listen, God Is Calling

ELW 513

Refrain

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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Jesus gave his mandate:
share the good news
that he came to save us
and set us free. **Refrain**

Let none be forgotten
throughout the world.
In the triune name of God
go and baptize. **Refrain**

Help us to be faithful,
standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts,
led by your Word. **Refrain**

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.

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**

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Kevin Peterson
Altar Guild.....Gina Swanson
Streaming.....Rory Joygaard
Tommy Thompson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicar Karen's Intern Project Starts Today!

Racial In/Justice

No preparation necessary, no assigned reading or homework! It's a learning opportunity and conversation about the racial injustices that persist in Minnesota. By participating, you will be helping Vicar Karen learn to create safe, respectful spaces and facilitate open, honest dialogue involving complex, controversial or sensitive subjects—an important skill for a pastoral toolkit. Sunday, January 14, 21, and February 4 from 10:45am to approximately 12:15pm in the library. You do not have to commit to attending every session. Questions? See Vicar Karen.

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.

Mission of the Month-Cherish All Children

Cherish All Children's mission is to work to keep children and youth safe from sexual exploitation and trafficking, supporting their growth into healthy relationships. In 2023, CAC trained and presented to 450 people, shared their work and resources at large group events including Synod Assemblies, and provided a Safe & Healthy Relationships Youth Guide for use with Confirmation classes and youth groups. To give your financial gift, please indicate Cherish All Children (either in the memo of a check, on the envelope or choosing the Mission of the Month option online). To become a Prayer Partner to one of our children or youth, contact the office.

Movie of the Month

The January movie of the month is Disney's "Frozen."

Showtime: 3:00 PM Sunday, January 21st in the church library
Snacks will be provided. All are welcome.

Warning: viewers may experience the desire to build a snowman.

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song

Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. ***Refrain***

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. ***Refrain***

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. ***Refrain***

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. ***Refrain***

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.

Worship Leaders

PastorPastor Pamela Stalheim Lane
Intern Pastor Vicar Karen Peterson
Music DirectorAnn Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Lector.....Janis Anderson
Communion Assistant.....Paula Lindgren

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

Insistent God, **by night and day you summon your slumbering people. Stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.**

Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

The lesson is from 1 Samuel, the 3rd chapter.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Lord, you have searched me out;
 O Lord, you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You encompass me, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you,
 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
 were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they
 came to be.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
 How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
 to count them all, my lifespan would need to be like yours.

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.

O God, You Search Me

1 O God, you search me and you know me.
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,

 All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.

 When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:

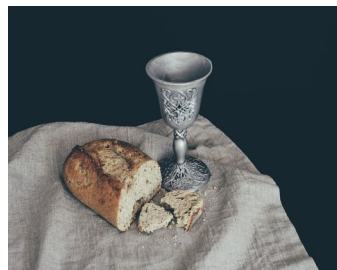
 ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**



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 John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord according to John the 1st chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" **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

Jesus Calls Us

Alexander

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, **for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Offering Response

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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: