

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!

Sunday, Jan 2

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot

10:30 AM: No Adult Education or Sunday School classes this week

Tuesday, Jan 4

1:00 PM: Worship Recording Session in Sanctuary

Wednesday, Jan 5

7:00 PM: Wildfire Confirmation at Feed My Starving Children

Sunday, Jan 9

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot

10:30 AM: Adult Education class in the library and on zoom -

Contemplative Practices Series - Creative Practices

10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

Covid Guidelines for regular services:

- * Masking is required for unvaccinated people
- * Masking & physical distancing is *recommended*

Requirements for Covid- Safe Services:

- * **Vaccination card or negative Covid test required**
- * **Masking Required**

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Welcome to worship!

9:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary* and parking lot by radio FM104.9
Anytime online at faithlilacway.org or using our mailed resources

* For covid safety protocols see page 6

Holy Communion

All who believe are welcome to commune. Communion kits (chalices with grape juice and wheat wafers or bags with wine and gluten free wafers) available at the doors.

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #300:1, 2, 4

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

This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the
earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. + In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

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 ELW p. 167

Refrain

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth. (2x)**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,
you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God

(to the tune of "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve")

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Wondrous God,

We thank you for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending Song ELW #302:1-3

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior to thy lowly bed,
there to bend on knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

Offering Response ELW #294:3

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.

Offering Prayer

Good and loving god,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

(to the tune of "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence")

Holy, holy, Lord most holy,
God of pow'r and God of might:
Heav'n and earth reveal your glory.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!
Blessed be the coming Savior.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of Light!

Words of Institution

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.

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.** (NRSV)

Gospel Acclamation

As a star, God's holy word
leads us to our King and Lord;
brightly from its sacred pages
shall this light throughout the ages
shine upon our path of life,
shine upon our path of life.

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

The gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Kyle Anderson

Hymn of the Day *ELW #303:1, 3, 4*

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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

Joining our voices with the heavenly host . . .

. . . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word ... in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share.