

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 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

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

Tuesday, January 23rd

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 24th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

12:30 PM Pastor Tech Study (Library)

3:30 PM Faith Education

6:00 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 PM Book Club (Library)

Friday, January 26th

Office Closed

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10:30 AM Annual Meeting and Congregational Potluck

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Sunday Worship



January 21, 2024

Third 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

Announcements

Temple Talk by Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ELW 815

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **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.

Usher Ashley Galarneau-Becker
Tim Lindgren
Altar Guild..... Janis Anderson
Jessica Hughes
Streaming..... Steve Ferkingstad
Dave Fernelius

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Public domain music: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" words by Walter Chalmers Smith; music - Welsh traditional tune. "I Love to Tell the Story" words by Katherine Hankey; music by William E. Fischer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicar Karen’s Intern Project: 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 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-This afternoon!

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.

Announcements

Sending Song

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. **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
Music.....Chancel Choir
Lector.....Grant Galarneau-Becker
Communion Assistant.....Colleen Foster

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

God of all people, **you call us to repent from following other empires and to put our trust and our faith in you alone. Shine the light of your presence in us and through us so that your light may be revealed to all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (NRSV)

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The first reading is from Jonah, the 3rd chapter.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going on a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12 (NRSV)

For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

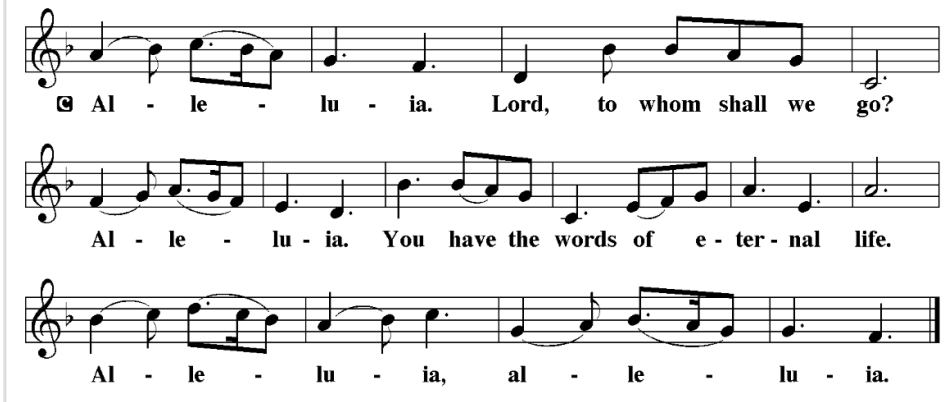
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

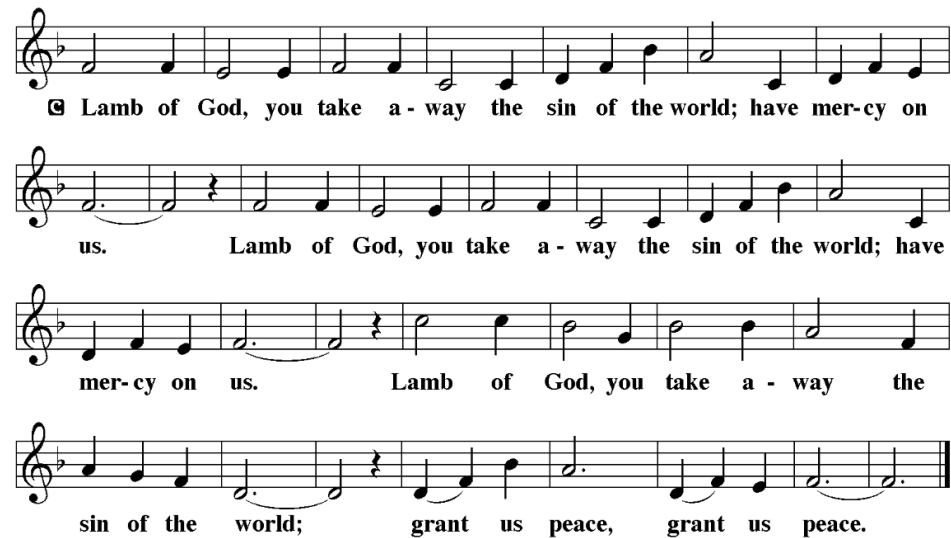
**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

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.

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.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore ELW 817

You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. **Refrain**

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. **Refrain**

You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. **Refrain**

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.**

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 Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798 vs 1,2,4,5

Will you come and follow me
 if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown
 in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
 if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare,
 should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer pray'r
 in you and you in me?
 I will give my life to them.

Will you love the you you hide
 if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound
 in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in 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

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

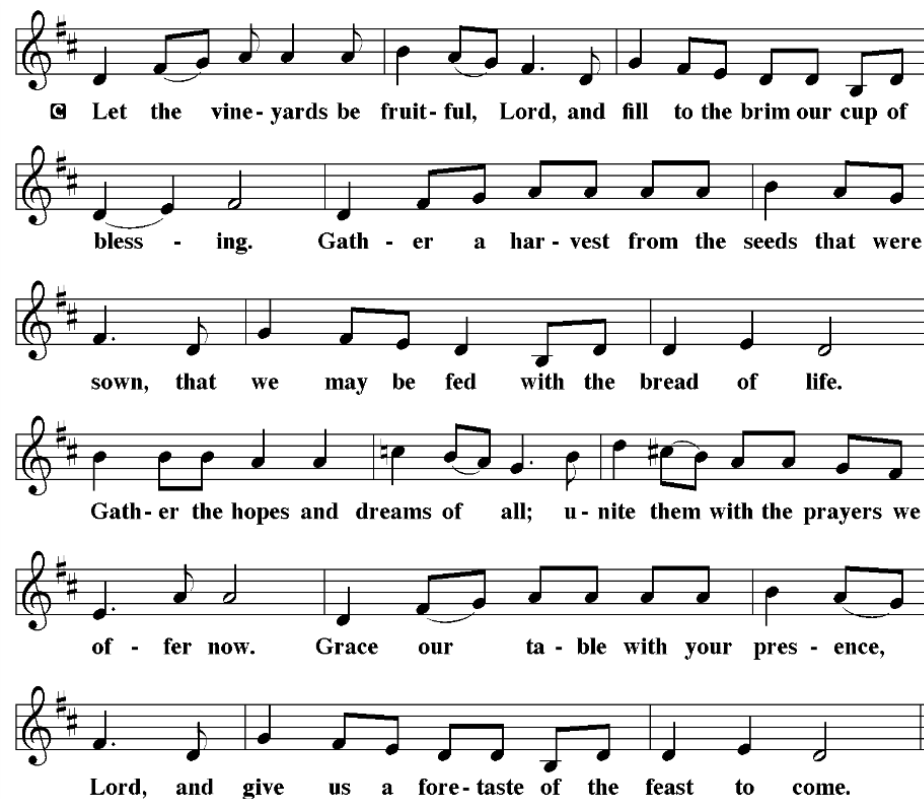
African Call to Peace

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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:

