This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!

Every Sunday - Any Time - online worship available at faithlilacway.org

Sunday, Jan 30

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot 10:30 AM: Adult Education class in the library - Council-Led Discussion of Financial Statements and Other Topics Preparing for the Annual Meeting

10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel) 10:30 AM: Internship Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Feb 2

6:00 PM: Wildfire Confirmation EveryMeal packing

Sunday, Feb 6

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

10:00 AM: Annual Meeting in Sanctuary and on Zoom immediately

after worship

10:30 AM: No Sunday School.

Covid Guidelines

Following Jesus' call to love and care for the neighbor, especially those who are vulnerable:

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

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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 8.

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW # 665

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

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 creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us,

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission for the month of January is Cherish All Children.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. We give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. We give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

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.

Sending Song ELW #866

We are marching in the light of God (4x)
We are marching, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)

We are dancing . . . We are praying . . . We are singing . . .

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Vicar Kyle Anderson

Hymn of the Day ELW #507

O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing, shall pierce the darkness of our earth-bound way and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling, and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

From days of old, through blind and willful ages, though we rebelled, you gently sought again, and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages, who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing to sinful hearts your justice and your grace; and questing spirits, longing for your healing, see your compassion in the Savior's face.

To all the world your summons you are sending, through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race, that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending, may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

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

The Spirit of the Lord . . .

. . . God of grace, hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope ... through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

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 (based on Psalm 36:5-7)
Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.
I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings. (2x)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God,

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you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

<u>Lesson</u> *Jeremiah 1:4-10 A reading from Jeremiah, the first chapter.*

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Psalm</u> Psalm 71:1-6 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. (NRSV)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 A reading from 1 Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (NRSV)

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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 *Luke 4:21-30*

The gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his 5 way. (NRSV)