

Weekly Schedule

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Sunday, January 7th

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Treats & Talk

Tuesday, January 9th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 10th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 14th

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Treats & Talk

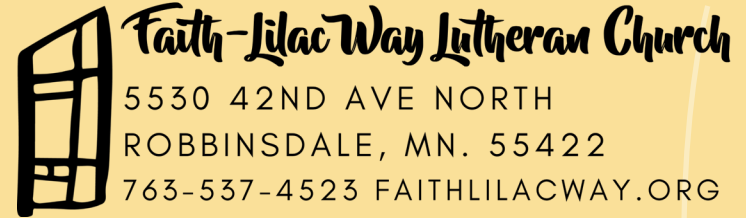
10:45 AM Racial In/Justice Conversation

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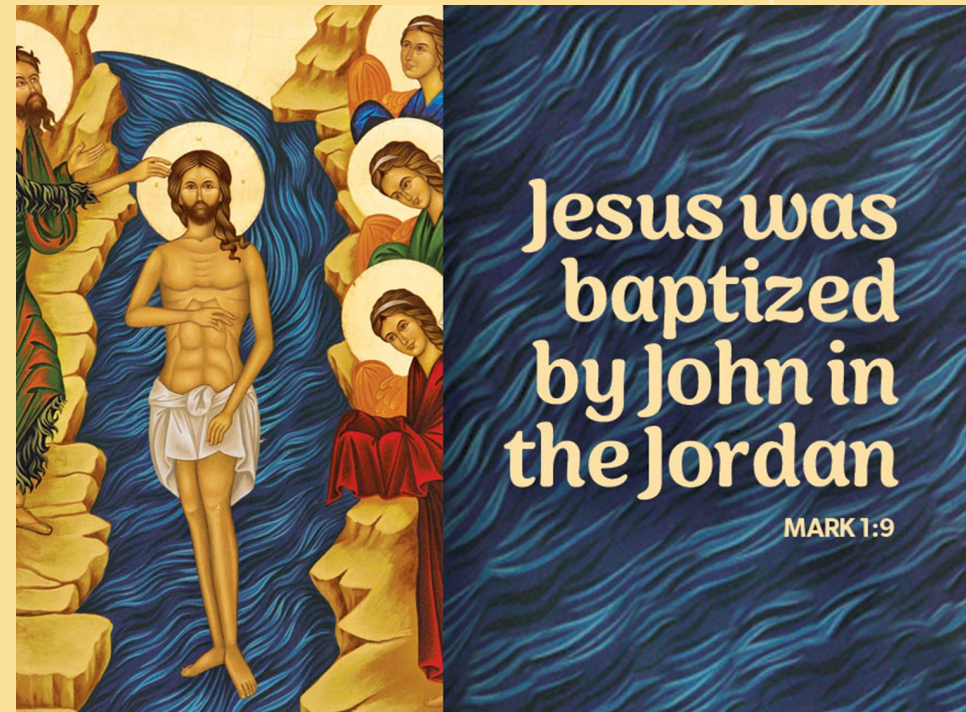
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FAITH-LILAC WAY
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship



January 7, 2024

Baptism of Our Lord

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

Gather Us In

Haugen

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW 314

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WELCA-Back! Rescheduled Event!

Women – you are invited to a gathering of women on **Thursday, January 11th at 5:30 PM** at Linda Fernelius' home. We will be reimagining ideas for ways women at FLW can connect, engage, serve, and have fun together.

Bring an item to create a delicious Romaine Salad to enjoy together.

Salad greens will be provided.

See Linda Fernelius or Jessica Hughes for details. And yes, you can bring a friend!

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 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.

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 for a delicious meal, 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!)

Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

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
SoloistMarty Moores
Soloist.....Anne Ng
Lector.....Linda Fernelius
Communion Assistant.....Brenda Thompson
UsherDebbie Overman
Mark Overman
Altar Guild.....Jessica Hughes
Paula Lindgren
Streaming.....Dave Fernelius
Rory Joygaard

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, **God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved 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.**

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

Holy God, **creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



Psalm 2:1-8, 10-11 (NRSV)

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

"Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling.

Lesson Acts 19:1-7(NRSV)

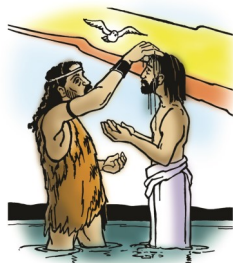
The lesson is from Acts, the 19th chapter.

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—together there were about twelve of them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



☞ 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.

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

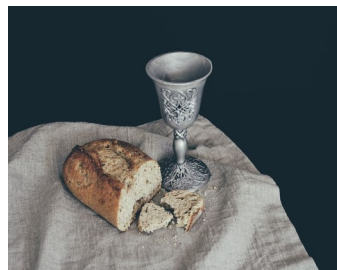
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Communion Distribution



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 1:4-11(NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glorify to you O Lord.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

Vicar Karen Peterson

Hymn of the Day

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now ELW 448

This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.

This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.

Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour.

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 *God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace* Damico-Carper

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: