

# This Week's Schedule

Every Sunday - online worship & printable bulletins available at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)

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

**This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!**

## Sunday, January 8th—Affirmation of Baptism Sunday

9:30 AM Weekly Worship in the Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Streaming online at [www.faihlilacway.org](http://www.faihlilacway.org)

10:30 AM Treats and Talk—join us to celebrate confirmation with cake

10:45 AM Conversations around Confirmation—why does Confirmation matter?

## Monday, January 9th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, January 10th

5:30 PM Holden Village Informational Meeting at First Lutheran

7:00 PM Faith Practices, Neighboring Practices Meeting

## Wednesday, January 11th

2:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group

2:30 PM Bible Study—no preparation needed

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

## Sunday, January 15th

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Weekly Worship in the Sanctuary, Parking Lot and Streaming online at [www.faihlilacway.org](http://www.faihlilacway.org)

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

10:45 AM Conversations around FLW's Mission Statement—who are we and what do we value as a community?



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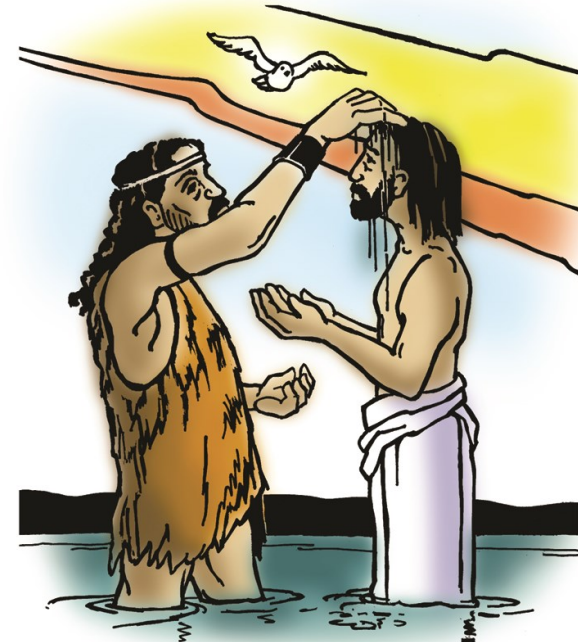
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# Sunday Worship

January 8, 2023

## Affirmation of Baptism



# Welcome to Worship

## **Children are welcome in worship at FLW!**

Activity bags for children are in the entry. The Nursery (down the hall) is available for families with young children to use.

***The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.***

### **Prelude**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

Manley

### **Gathering Hymn**

*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 followers 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.

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.

**By your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and gives us new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.**

To you, O God, be given honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Congratulations to our Confirmands!**

Congratulations to Rylee Vierzba who confirms his faith today and becomes an adult member of Faith-Lilac Way.

Congratulations to Travis Gaspar who went through our confirmation program and will become an Associate member. Travis has confirmed his faith and is a member of Bethany Lutheran in Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

May God continue to bless both of these young people as they continue to grow and learn. Join them in the library after worship to wish them well and celebrate their confirmation with cake and conversation.

## **Join us for Treats and Talk on Sunday Mornings!**

All are welcome to join us in the library after worship for yummy treats, community and conversation. On January 8th we will celebrate confirmation and have a confirmation activity for all ages. On the 15th we will reflect together on our Mission Statement as we enter into our new year.

## **Opportunities for Contemplative Prayer and Bible Study in January—All Welcome!**

As we enter into this new year we hope to continue growing in faith at Faith-Lilac Way. On Wednesday afternoons we will have opportunities to gather together in prayer, conversation and Bible Study. All are welcome and invited, come and see!

**Wednesdays at 2 PM**—Explore Contemplative Prayer

**Wednesdays at 2:30 PM**—Alternating activities including Bible Study, TED Talks and Book Club

## **Annual Meeting and Congregational Potluck on January 29th!**

Please join us at FLW on January 29th as we will be having our Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is important for Faith Lilac Way as we look toward the new year and our ministry together. After worship we will have a congregational potluck brunch in the fellowship hall. You are invited to bring a dish or side of your choice to share if able but all are welcome to eat!

**9:30 AM Worship**

**10:30 AM Potluck Brunch in the Fellowship Hall**

**11:00 AM Annual Meeting Begins**

Questions about the Annual Meeting? Join us for Treats and Talk on January 22nd. President Sue Ferkingstad and Treasurer Rick Anderson will lead a conversation and answer questions about the Annual Report and proposed 2023 budget.

## **Communion Prayer**

Holy One, **we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

*We Know that Christ is Raised*

ELW #449

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ.  
Hallelujah!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Hallelujah!

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.** *Numbers 6:24-26 NRSV*

## **Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Leaders**

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Intern Pastor  
Music Director  
Soloist  
Communion Assistant  
Lector  
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Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane  
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## **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**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW #310

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee  
at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God our Father,

**at his baptism, you proclaimed Jesus to be your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to our calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **First Lesson** Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)

The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 42<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 29 1-4, 10-11** NIRV

Praise the Lord, you angels in heaven.

**Praise the Lord for his glory and strength.**

Praise the Lord for the glory that belongs to him.

**Worship the Lord because of his beauty and holiness**

The voice of the Lord is heard over the waters.

**The God of glory thunders.**

The Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful.**

The voice of the Lord is majestic.

**The Lord on his throne rules over the flood.**

The Lord rules from his throne as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people.**

The Lord blesses his people with peace.

## **Second Lesson** Acts 10:34-43

The second lesson is from Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Then Peter began to speak to them: I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with

## **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.

*We are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

ELW #451

We are baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious,  
we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united  
in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness,  
in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus  
who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning  
from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning,  
glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen

## **Communion Blessing**

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.



Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

### 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.**

the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

#### **Glorify to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane



**Hymn of the Day**

*Remember and Rejoice*

ELW #454 vs. 1,2,4,5

Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

In life, in death, we trust  
in God's most holy name,  
forever traced by water sign,  
and sealed by Spirit flame.

God, bless us by your grace;  
remind us of your care.  
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,  
inspire our work, our prayer.

Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

**Affirmation of Baptism**

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Rylee's Bible verse: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13

Travis' Bible verse: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

**Prayers of the People**

...God in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and  
power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**Offering Solo**

*God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace*

Damico-Carper



**Offering Response**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
*Offering Song*

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

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**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: