

Hočokata Ti Tour Scheduled for April 6

The Racial Justice teams of House of Hope and Valley of Peace have scheduled a field trip to Mdewakanton: Dwellers of Spirit Lake on Saturday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. The 3,805-square-foot exhibit is a historical timeline shared through the eyes of the Mdewakanton Dakota people via storytelling, artifacts, and historical artifacts shared to enhance visitors' knowledge and understanding of Minnesota history and Native American culture.

The exhibit is at Hočokata Ti (ho-cho-ka-tah-tee), the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's cultural central and gathering space that is used to interpret and encourage traditional Mdewakanton Dakota cultural heritage, language, and history. The one-hour tour is \$8 for general admission; students 13 and up or 65 and up are \$5 and can be paid for upon arrival. Free wheelchairs are provided upon request. Please contact Sara Blood by March 20 at 763-228-6272 or saranoelblood@gmail.com with questions and to reserve your spot.

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, March 10th

8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Treats and Talk

Monday, March 11th

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

Tuesday, March 12th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer
10:30 AM Bible Study
3:30 PM Faith Formation
5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 14th

4:00 PM Bingo at Robbins Way

Friday, March 15th

Office Closed

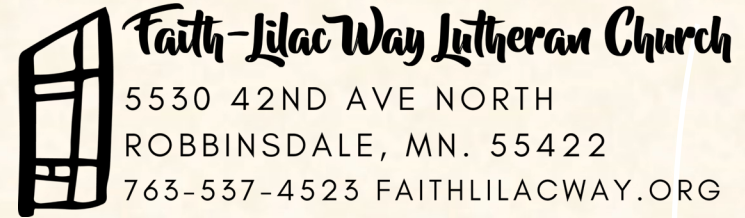
Sunday, March 17th

8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Treats & Talk



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Sunday Worship

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent



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

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn

God Loved the World

ELW 323 vs. 1,2,4,5

God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.

All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please sit or kneel if you are able.

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. There are times when we hoard resources while our**

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane
Intern Pastor	Vicar Karen Peterson
Music Director	Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Music.....	Chancel Choir
Cantor.....	Chris Ipsen
Lector.....	Linda Fernelius
Communion Assistant.....	Debbie Bren
Usher	Rick Anderson
	Kevin Peterson
Altar Guild.....	Brenda Thompson
Streaming.....	Rory Joygaard
	Tommy Thompson

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Psalm refrain is by Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson.

"The Love of God" words by Frederick Lehman and Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai; music by Frederick Lehman; arrangement by Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Soup and Services

You are invited: Lenten Soup and Supper

March 13 & 20

5:00 PM Soup Supper

6:30 PM Worship

Sign up board in the narthex to bring soup, salad or dessert. Come for soup and fellowship and then stay for the service!

Faith-Lilac Way Prayer List

We encourage you to pray for our FLW church family, including those who are in care facilities, have ongoing health concerns or have a particular need. *Dear God, we ask you to be with those from our congregation who are hurting or in need of on-going prayer including: David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Sandy Dolence, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Jackie Mueller, Betty Schmidt, Linda St. John, Jackie Woolgar, Vic Woolgar and all who need your care. Amen.*

Mission of the Month: NEAR

NEAR needs your help to provide food support to our community. Recently NEAR's food rescue partners that they depend on have scaled back on their food donations. The result is increased spending on food items in order to meet their clients basic needs. Both food and monetary donations are appreciated. Mission of the Month checks can be made payable to FLW with NEAR in the memo line. 11



Sending Song

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 588

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Children of God, you are God's beloved.
Go in Grace, Grow in Faith. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

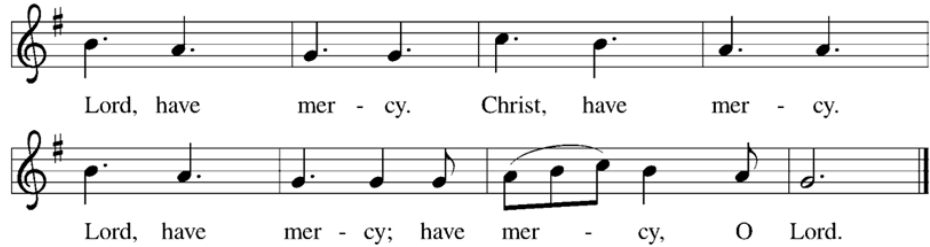
neighbors are hungry and cold; speak in ways that silence others; are silent when we should speak up; let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **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.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Steadfast God, **you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against you and your way. Soften our hearts and help us to follow your way so that our words and actions may reflect your love and grace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

The first lesson is from Numbers, the 21st chapter.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10 (NRSV)

Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

You Are Gracious and Upright, O Lord

Psalm 25

Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson

4 You are gra-cious and up - right, O Lord; ___ teach us in ___ your

ways. You are gra - cious and up - right, O Lord; ___

7 teach us in ___ your ___ ways. ___

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Refrain

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O Lord.

You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way. Refrain

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. Refrain

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10 (NRSV)

The second lesson is from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 4

Communion Distribution

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Just As I Am, Without One Plea ELW 592

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

Announcements

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:

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.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glorify to you O Lord.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into

the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day *Where Charity and Love Prevail* ELW 359

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.....
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering *The Love of God* Lehman and Nehorai

Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

Offering Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

The image shows the musical notation for the offering song 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.'