

This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!

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 20

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at faithlilacway.org.
10:30 AM: Youth are selling yummy treats for their mission trip
10:30 AM: Faith Practices - Come and see projected pictures of Stations of the Cross
10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)
10:30 AM: Internship Committee in the fellowship hall
5:00 PM: Greater St. John Black History Event

Tuesday, March 22

2:00 PM: Afternoon Book Club in the library - Bonhoeffer's Life Together, chapter 2
6:00 PM: Faith and Neighboring Practices Wildfire Cohort Meeting at First Lutheran Church, 7708-62nd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park

Wednesday, March 23

7:00 PM: Lenten Service: Psalm 23 "God Leads and Guides Us." Intern Pastor Raul Garcia from Family of God Lutheran will be our guest preacher

Thursday, March 24

2:00 - 3:30 pm: Hope from Loss: Wildfire Grief group at First Lutheran Church, 7708 - 62nd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park

Sunday, March 27

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at faithlilacway.org.
10:30 AM: Youth are selling yummy treats for their mission trip
10:30 AM: Adult Education class in the library - Explore Sanctified Art Lenten Devotions
10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

Worthy of Being Fed (Cover Image)

by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Isaiah 55:1-9
Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

FULL to the Brim

You
are
worthy



Welcome to worship! March 20, 2022

NEW CDC Guidelines! We are now in a green zone - which means a low transmission rate for Covid. You are welcome to wear a mask at your own discretion but it is not required.

Holy Communion

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 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, all who are thirsty.

Come, all who are seeking.

Come, all who are waiting.

Come, all who labor.

Come, all who need rest.

Come, all who dream dreams.

Come— whether you're young or old, confident or curious, lonely or hopeful.

This is God's house. All are welcome here.

Let us worship holy God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Song *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts ELW #658*

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Call to Confession

In the prayer of confession any pretense of perfection is removed. We let the pressure to perform slip away and we sit here, face to face with God, sharing honestly who we long to be. Friends, there is healing here. There is life to be gained here. So join me in this moment of honesty. Join me in the prayer of confession.

God never turns from us, not even in our sinning.
God loves and waits for us to claim a new beginning.
By opening our hearts, we then prepare the way
for God's love to come in and guide us every day.

I thank God for that love and all the world around me,
the seen and unseen things, and promised things that will be.
Through worship, trust, and prayer, may I reflect God's will.
Let love be seen in me as I God's word fulfill.

Blessing

As you go on your way,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of God, who is the Lover of the whole world, the Beloved,
and Love itself – go in peace, full to the brim.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission for the month of March is NEAR Foodshelf.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

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.

Sharing Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Anthem Lamb of God

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus,

in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread

of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in

need. Amen.

Sending Song *I Am a Child of God*

I am a child of God, the One who made and keeps me.

By God's free gift of love, God's child I always will be.

Forever I belong, I know that this is true;

and with my mind and heart, I trust and love God, too.

God's image is in us, the people of creation.

No matter where we live, we share a close relation.

God's covenant is sure, eternal word for all

who follow in God's way and answer to God's call.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store; but you know this even better than we do. Instead of trusting that we are made good, instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are, we stockpile our value in earthly things—in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power. Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick. Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down. We won't be forgotten if we rest. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, there is good news here. For even when we stumble, even when we take the easy way out, even when we forget our own self-worth, even when we lose our way—we belong to God. **Amen.**

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

God of fig trees and foxes, of today and tomorrow, we would like to ask that you scoop us up.

Pick us up like a great gust of wind. Light a fire in us like tomorrow depends on today. Do all of this to get our attention and then turn us toward you. We are a scattered people, God. The world is moving faster than we can keep up. So we pray—scoop us up. Catch our eye. Open our ears. Capture our attention. We are here. We long to be close to you. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel *Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Preaching Lesson *Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)*
A reading from Isaiah, chapter 55.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ELW #484
Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly
food. **Refrain**

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. **Refrain**

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that the God of the cosmos is at work here.
We believe that God is fertilizing the soil.
We believe that God is planting roots.
We believe that God is growing fruit that is yet to be tasted.
But until that promised day
when the fig tree stands tall and swords are beaten into plowshares,
we believe:
when our work does not bear fruit,
God still loves us.
When our soil grows dry and cracked,
God still longs for us.
When all seems hopeless here on earth,
God holds hope for us.
The God of the cosmos is at work here.
We believe. Help our unbelief.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

. . . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring. . . for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.