

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 6

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 - Introduction to Stations of the Cross and Visio Divina devotion using the compelling artwork of Mary Button

10:30 AM: Sunday School in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

3:00 PM: Benefit Concert at Valley of Peace. *See below**

7:00 PM: Ecumenical Evening Prayer for Peace at Basilica of St. Mary, 88 North 17th Street, Minneapolis

Tuesday, March 8

2:00 PM: Afternoon Book Club in the library - Bonhoeffer's Life Together, Introduction and Chapter 1

Wednesday, March 9

3:30 PM: Confirmation in the library

7:00 PM: Lenten Service: Psalm 23 "The Lord is With Us" Pastor Paul Burow from Family of God Lutheran will be our guest preacher

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

7:00 PM: Wildfire Confirmation Event at St. James Lutheran Church - 6700 46th Place North, Crystal

Sunday, March 13

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 - Visio Divina

10:30 AM: Sunday School in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

***Caritas Concert - Inspiring Harmony**

Benefitting Cherish All Children | Sunday, March 6 at 3:00pm
Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, 4735 Bassett Creek Dr, Golden Valley
Covid Safety measures include showing proof of vaccination or a negative test and masking (full details at <https://www.caritasvocalensemble.org/events>)
OR: Facebook livestream option via [facebook.com/Valleyofpeacechurch](https://www.facebook.com/Valleyofpeacechurch)

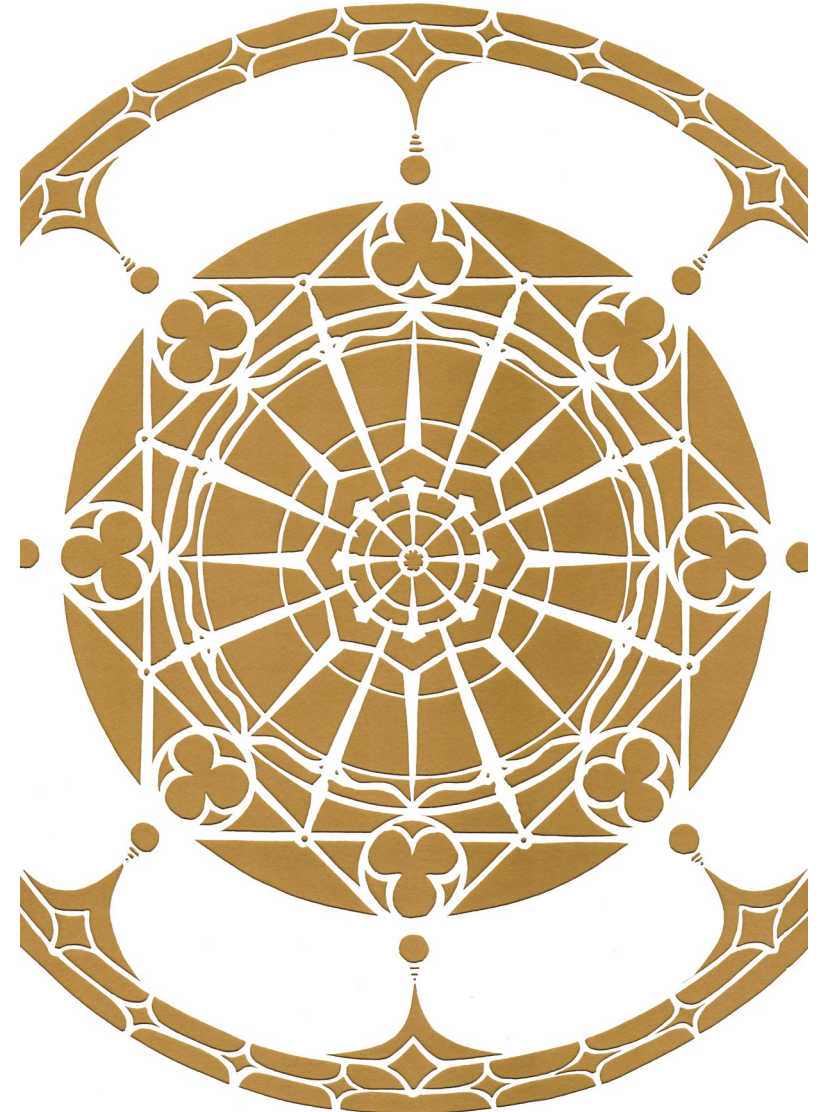
Covid Guidelines

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 strongly recommended for all.

Full to the Brim

Even
in the
desert



Welcome to worship! March 6, 2022

See all our worship options and Covid safety protocols on page 8!

Holy Communion

All who believe are welcome to commune. Communion kits (chalices with grape juice and gluten free wafers) are available at the doors.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Song "Eternal Lord of Love" ELW #321

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent;
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living in your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
so into life and glory shall we wake.

Call to Confession

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

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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Temptations (Cover Image)

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Paper lace

In this image, concentric circles depicting the temptations that Jesus meets in the wilderness radiate outward. A crown and swords echo the power of kings that the devil offers to Jesus. Steeples point outward between the swords. "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Jesus quotes scripture in verse 12 of this Luke passage. And yet, the devil continues to test. Nails in the center foreshadow Jesus' death on the cross. I depicted this story within the structure of a stained glass window. Where in our religious structures do we find temptation winning the day? Where do our selfish actions fall on this temptation continuum? May we see the abundance before us, dispelling the desire for more.

So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each and every one of us—with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions—we are invited to God’s table.

And here we will be met. Here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.

So come.

Not because you must, but because you can.

Come. You are invited. This Table is for you.

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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW #618*

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,

feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm,

shield me with your mighty arm.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live.

Teach us to love as you love.

Forgive us when we don’t.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, no matter who lost we feel, God’s grace is full to the brim.

It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy. Hear and believe this good news – God’s love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy.

Thanks be 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 of Illumination

God of the wilderness places in our lives,

it can be hard to hear you in the desert. It can be hard to hear you in the city, it can be hard to hear you, so we ask: make everything quiet. Pause the chaos. Still the rushing. Ease our racing thoughts.

Give us ears to hear your Word for us today which promises that even in the desert you are full to the brim. We are listening for your good news. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Lesson *Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)*

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 26th chapter.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord

your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel *Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Baptized and Set Free #453*

We are people created, chosen by God.

Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.

Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain, bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.

Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.

For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:

endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.

As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.

Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Baptism *ELW p. 227*

We welcome **Sebastian John Stevens** as a baptized child of God.

Prayers of the People

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

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

Amen.

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

Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said, "Drop your nets and follow me."

He said, "Let the little children come."

He said, "Stand up from your mat, you are healed."

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed. 5