

# 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)

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)

10:30 AM: Fellowship

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

2:00 PM: Book Club - Here If You Need Me by Kate Braestrup

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## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

7:00 PM: Book Club - Here If You Need Me by Kate Braestrup

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## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

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# Sunday Worship

August 28, 2022



# Welcome to Worship

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.

## **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.***

We are now in a green zone, which means a reduced risk of infection and masks are at your own discretion.

## **Prelude**

### **A Welcome for Vicar Joanna Kathol**

#### **Gathering Song** *All Are Welcome ELW #641 vs. 1,3-5*

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard

# Announcements

## **NEAR FOODSHELF - HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

Back to School Supplies; We are collecting money and school supplies now through the end of August for this annual program. We accept ALL donations, but we especially need spiral notebooks, both wide and college ruled, glue sticks, thin marker sets, and thin highlighters. We have a good resource to get good backpacks for about \$5.00 each, so money is also very appreciated. Thanks for all you do to make the school supply drive so successful for our families! Donate! Your financial and food contributions to NEAR through your church continue to serve those in need in our community.

## **AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHER SEMINARY**

As we welcome our 14th intern, Joanna Kathol, we give thanks for our partnership with Luther seminary by supporting the seminary through our Mission of the Month. Why give to Luther Seminary? According to the Luther Seminary website, "Your financial gifts help support students as they pursue their next step in ministry, allow us to hire educators that are the best in their fields and, most importantly, share God's love in the world. One-hundred percent of eligible students receive scholarships in order to attend Luther Seminary. Many of these students would not be able to afford seminary on their own. Your generosity allows future church leaders to follow their call into ministry and proclaim the gospel."

## **JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB!**

### **Daytime or Evening Sessions**

Our Book Clubs are reading: Here If You Need Me by Kate Braestrup  
Join us! Tuesday, August 30 at 2 PM or Wednesday, August 31 at 7 PM  
Here if You Need Me is the story of Kate Braestrup's remarkable journey from grief to faith to happiness. It is dramatic, funny, deeply moving, and simply unforgettable, an uplifting account about finding God through helping others, and the tale of the small miracles that occur every day when life and love are restored.

Have a book you would like to read and share with others? Please contact Pastor Pam.

## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Our first choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM. Come and sing songs and stay for a sweet treat. We will get to know each other, talk about plans for the Fall, Advent and Christmas seasons and answer any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome - whether you have sung in the choir for years or you want to try it out for the first time.

# Save the Date!

## WILDFIRE GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Saturday, September 10

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church  
3900 Winnetka Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55427,  
In the parking lot (weather permitting)



9:30 AM: Breakfast  
10:00 AM: Worship  
10:30 AM: Service activities



- Pack a meal or school supplies.
- Tie a Blanket and a dog toy!
- Make plastic mats for homeless people.
- Write a letter for Bread for the World.
- Decorate and sign a birthday card for Camp Noah Kits.

**Join our Wildfire partners in doing God's Work with your hands!**



and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**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** ELW # 154

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

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

**Hymn of Praise** *All Creatures, Worship God Most High ELW #835 Vs 1, 2, 6*

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of the Day**

God of majestic glory, in humility you have revealed yourself in the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Teach us to walk the path he prepared for us, so that we might take a place at the table with all who seek the joy of his kingdom. Amen.**

**First Lesson** *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

A reading from Hebrews, the 13th chapter.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue.

**Sending Song** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW #551*

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

**Blessing**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Intern Pastor  
Guest Organist  
Interim Music Director  
Soloist  
Communion Assistants:  
Lector

Rev. Pam Stalheim Lane  
Vicar Joanna Kathol  
Nancy Shallcross  
Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson  
Anne Ng  
Clint Hughes  
Chris Ipsen

## 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

#### ***Lamb of God ELW #195***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

#### ***Let us Break Bread Together ELW #471***

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

### ***Refrain***

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. ***Refrain***

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. ***Refrain***

### Communion Blessing

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.  
**Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 112: 1-7**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation** *ELW p. 171*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

### **Gospel** *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

The Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day** *Let us Go Now to the Banquet* ELW #523

**Refrain**

**Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family. **Refrain**

God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food. **Refrain**

May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have. **Refrain**

**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**

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

Receive the prayers ... through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

**Offering**

*We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission of the month is Luther Seminary. Your generosity allows future church leaders to follow their call into ministry and to proclaim the gospel.*

**Offering Prayer**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
**As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

**Offering Response** *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is thy faithfulness.

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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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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.