

## This Week's Schedule

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

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

### **Sunday, December 18th**

8:30 AM: Sunday School

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

10:30 AM: Treats and Talk in the Library

### **Monday, December 19th**

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 21st**

2:00 PM Midweek "Blue Christmas" Advent Service at Robbins Way—all are invited!

6:30 PM Midweek "Blue Christmas" Advent Service in FLW Sanctuary—all are invited!

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

### **Saturday, December 24th**

4:30 PM Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary

10:30 PM Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 25th—Merry Christmas!**

9:30 AM Christmas Day Service in Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 26th**

\*\*Office Closed\*\*



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# Sunday Worship

**December 18, 2022**

**The Story of Joseph**



**FAITH-LILAC WAY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# 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.**

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

## Prelude

*Welcome to Our World*

Rice

## Temple Talk

Rick Anderson

## Gathering Song

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

ELW #266

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!  
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

Beloved children of God, Let us confront our sins, and confess them to God who is merciful and just and abounding in steadfast love.

God of new beginnings,  
**we confess that we have sinned, we have not followed your way.**  
**We open our hearts to you. Search us and know us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

## Blessing

God the eternal Word,  
who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Intern Pastor  
Interim Music Director  
Chancel choir  
Communion Assistants

Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane  
Vicar Joanna Kathol  
Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson

Soloists  
Lector  
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## Communion Blessing

### Communion Prayer

Faithful God, in this meal you bring heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

**As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Sending Song

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;  
the King of glory comes in state;  
the Lord of lords and King of kings,  
the Savior of the world who brings  
his great salvation to the earth.  
So raise a shout of holy mirth  
and praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit, Word.

He is the rock of our belief,  
the heart of mercy's gentle self.  
His kingly crown is holiness;  
his scepter is his loveliness;  
he brings our sorrows to an end.  
Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
and worship him with song  
for saving us from wrong.

Oh, happy towns and blessed lands  
that live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed be the hearts he rules,  
the humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss  
who fills our lives and makes us his,  
creator of the world,  
our only strength for good.

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;  
our hearts are open wide in trust.  
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,  
upon our sorrows shine your face,  
and let your Holy Spirit guide  
our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name,  
from age to age the same!

People of God, God is doing a new thing. You have put on + Christ. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.**

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

## Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 8/8 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: For You, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. For You, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. Tru-ly our hope is in You. Tru-ly our hope is in You. 1. O Lord of life, our on-ly hope, Your ra-diance shines on all who look to You in the 2. O joy a-bove all oth-er loves, in You we find more than e-nough. We come as we dark. Em-man-u-el - come, come light our hearts. are; O heal-and-re-store, come light our hearts.

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### *Come Light Our Hearts v. 1*

**L:** Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son, Jesus to save us from our sin.

As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy, strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us your gift of abundant life.

O children of God, come,

**Let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.**

### *Come Light Our Hearts v. 2*

**Lesson:** Romans 1:1-7

A reading from Romans, the first chapter.

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*What Feast of Love*

ELW #487 v. 2

What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph

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.

**Communion Song**

**Come Now, O Prince of Peace** ELW #247

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

**We Are Waiting for Jesus**

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1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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.**

**Communion Distribution**



awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Vicar Joanna Kathol

**Hymn of the Day** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* ELW #254

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

**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

### Blessed Be God, Who Forgives

Bless-ed be God, who for - gives all our sins, who  
heals all our ills, who crowns us with mer - cy and love.

Sung Response for Prayers– *Blessed Be God, Who Forgives*  
...God in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs.... In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## Offering

Anthem      *Of the Father's Love Begotten*      Grier and Everson

## Offering Prayer

Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

**Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.**

**We ask this through Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**



## Offering Response    *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

### 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.

## 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: