

# 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, December 4th—A Children's Christmas Story in Worship**

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

10:45 AM: Blanket Tying for Camp Noah

10:45 AM: Informational Meeting for Generational Trip to Holden Village  
(See announcement insert)

## **Monday, December 5th**

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

## **Wednesday, December 7th**

2:00 PM Midweek Advent Service at RobbinsWay—all are invited!

6:30 PM Confirmation

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

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, December 8th**

6:00 PM Dinner and Movie Night watching *Just Mercy* (see announce-  
ment insert)

## **Sunday, December 11th—Advent Choir Service**

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



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# Sunday Worship

**December 4, 2022**



# 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

### **Gathering Song** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW #242

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door  
and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near,  
yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul  
and hymns of lovingkindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll  
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be,  
when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free,  
so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong,  
and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer  
and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share  
and bring us at last into glory.

## **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.**

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## **Worship Leaders**

Pastor	Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane
Intern Pastor	Vicar Joanna Kathol
Interim Music Director	Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Advent Candle Lighters	Overman Family
Chancel choir	
Sunday School and friends	
Joseph and Jesus	Rory and Soren Joygaard
Mary	Victoria Swanson
Lector	Grant Galarneau-Becker
Ushers	Ashley Galarneau-Becker and Mark Overman

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### **He Came Down** ELW #253

He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.

### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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** *Hark, the Glad Sound* ELW #239

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

### **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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

God of hope and expectations,  
**Prepare our ears to hear, our hearts to trust and our hands to point to your great love for all your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** *What Feast of Love* ELW #487

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 3: 1-3, 11

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

[John said], "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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

**Message:** The Christmas Story: *Pointing to Jesus*

*John the Baptist Points to Jesus*

**Hymn** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry* ELW #249

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

*The Angels Point to Jesus*

**Hymn:** *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW #289

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

*The Shepherds Point to Jesus*


## 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**



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.



**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:

**Holy Holy Holy**

**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.

**Hymn:** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* ELW #290

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

*We Can Point to Jesus too*

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *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.**

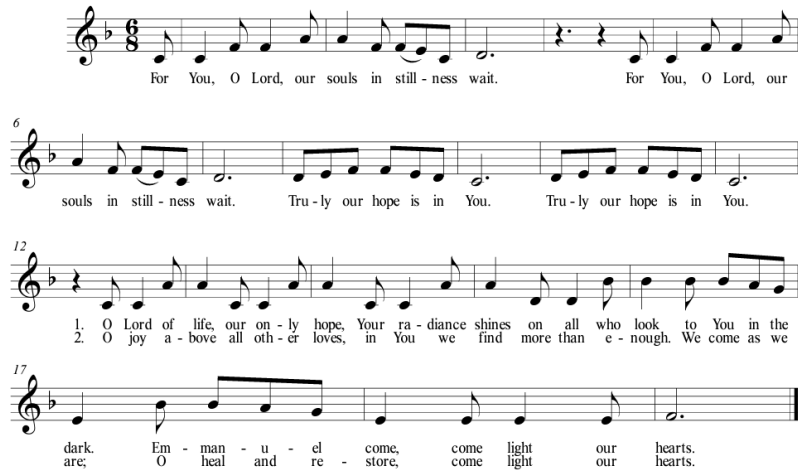
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

Song –Come Light Our Hearts v. 1

### Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken



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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**L:** Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, deliverance for those in need, and hope for all people.

As we light these candles, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on Jesus, the root of Jesse, and the hope of all nations. O people of hope, come,

**Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord.**

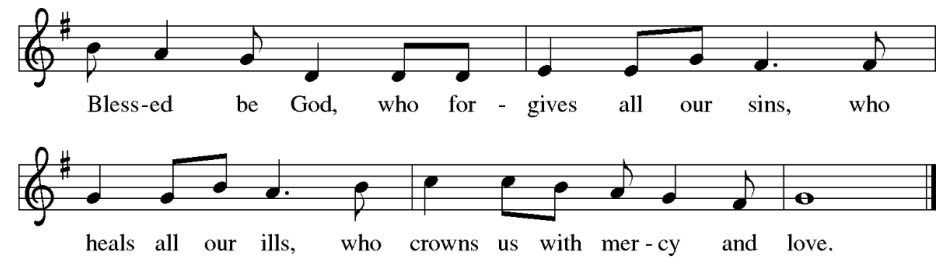
Song–Come Light Our Hearts v. 2



## Prayers of the People

Sung Response for Prayers– *Blessed Be God, Who Forgives*

### 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.

...God in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

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

## Offering

Choir Anthem *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* Keesecker

## 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.**