

# December 5, 2021 | Sunday Bulletin

## **Welcome to worship!**

9:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary\* and parking lot by radio FM104.9

Anytime online at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org) or using our mailed resources

*\* For covid safety protocols see page 6*

## **Holy Communion**

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Gathering Song**    *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.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.**

**Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**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 of the Advent Wreath**

#### ***Hymn of Light***

**O Splendor of God's glory bright,  
O living Spring of light from light:  
come, very Sun of truth and love;  
come with your radiance from above.**

#### ***Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent***

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

*Light two candles.*

#### ***Hymn of Light***

**As dawn speeds on across the sky,  
true Dawn, with haste come from on high.  
O Word, through whom light came to be,  
come in your pow'r and set us free.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O Holy One of Israel,

**out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people. Remember now your ancient promise. Make straight the paths that lead to you and smooth the rough ways so that in our day we might bring forth your compassion for all humanity. Amen.**

### **Lesson Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**     *Philippians 1:3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (NRSV)

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**Gospel Acclamation**     *ELW #487:2*

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**     *Luke 1:67-80*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel. (NRSV)

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

**Sermon**     Vicar Kyle Anderson

**Hymn of the Day**     *ELW #250*

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free  
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch of David’s tree.  
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,  
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;  
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,  
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,  
to tell God’s people they are saved from sin’s eternal sway.  
Then shall God’s mercy from on high shine forth and never cease  
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

**Apostle’s 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**

**Maranatha** (1 Corinthians 16:22) is a combination of two Aramean words, *Maran'athah*, and means, "Our Lord comes," or "Our Lord is coming."

#### ***Prayer Refrain***

**O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.  
Maranatha! Maranatha! O come, Lord Jesus, come.**

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life ... in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

#### ***Repeat Prayer Refrain***

#### **Offering**

*We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share.*

#### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,  
**we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to you. Receive our gifts and transform our hearts and lives so that as we wait and watch, we recognize Christ in our midst. Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **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**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. Most High God,  
**you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.**

### **Sending Song** *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.

### **Blessing**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Every Sunday - Any Time - online worship available at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)**

### **Sunday, December 5:**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot

**10:30 AM:** Adult Education (Hybrid) class in the library and on zoom

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

### **Wednesday, Dec 8**

**3 PM:** Covid-Safe Advent midweek Worship in Sanctuary

6:30 PM Advent midweek Worship in Sanctuary/parking lot/on zoom

### *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 recommended for all.**

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