

## Weekly 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, February 18th

8:30 AM Sunday School

8:30 AM Confirmation

9:30 AM Weekly Worship in the Sanctuary and Streaming online at [www.faithlilacway.org](http://www.faithlilacway.org)

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

### Ash Wednesday - February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

This Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday. On a day that is arguably the most solemn day, a day in which we remember our mortality, we will also be remembering God's great love for us. After all, it's Valentine's Day! Tonight you are invited to receive an ashen cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are God's beloved. See how the Holy Spirit is at work, altering our hearts and the world.

**You are invited:**

**Wednesday Midweek Lenten Soup and Services**

**Lenten Soup and Supper**

**February 21,28, March 6,13,20**

**5:00 PM Soup Supper**

**6:30 PM Worship**

**Come for soup and fellowship and then stay for the service!**

During our worship service we pause to worship God with our offerings. At this time, in support of the ministry we share, some people put in the offering plate cash or checks or envelopes. Other people give online through regular banks or other mailed in donations. Another way to give online is by using the QR code below. Thank you for your support.

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**February 14, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Invitation to the Observance of Lent**

**Invocation**

**Litany**

Through the power of your voice, O God,  
you breathed life into the dust of the earth  
and created us in community with all of Creation.

**Tune our hearts to Yours.**

and Jesus taught us to sing in harmony  
with the eternal music of the Holy Trinity.

**Tune our hearts to Yours..**

In the light of your spirit, the Living Flame,  
we see ourselves as you see us:  
mortal, yet loved eternally;  
fickle, yet loved unfaithfully;  
broken, yet loved wholly.

**Tune our hearts to Yours.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

Eternal God, **your love stretches to the ends of the earth, embracing all people, in all places, at all times. Empower us to bear witness to your incredible love, remembering your steadfast love even when we and the world around us face pain and grief and the truth of our mortality. Just as you first breathed life into us through the dust of the earth, breathe life into our lives so that we may reflect you in our prayers and in our actions. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Psalm 51: 1-12** (NRSV)

**Refrain: Cantor**

**Refrain: All**

Have Mercy on Me, O God

Psalm 51 Jun-G Bargayo, Junjun Delmonte,  
and Joel Navarro

Have mer-cy on me, O God, in your kind-ness. In your com-  
pas-sion, blot out my of-fense. Wash me, O God, from the stain of my  
guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor .....	Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane
Intern Pastor .....	Vicar Karen Peterson
Music Director .....	Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Music.....	Chancel Choir
Lector.....	Clint Hughes
Communion Assistant.....	Sue Ferkingstad
Usher .....	Rick Anderson
	Larry Kuder
Altar Guild.....	Kim Ipsen
Streaming.....	Dave Fernelius
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### **Sending Song**

### ***What Wondrous Love Is This***

ELW 666

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb,  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

### **Blessing**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God  
bless you and keep you, shower you with love and mercy, fill you with  
courage and grace and + give you peace. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great  
compassion, blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my  
wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you  
are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. Indeed I  
was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's  
womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me  
know wisdom deep within. Remove my sins with hyssop, and  
I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.**

### ***Refrain***

Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within  
me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your  
Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue  
shall sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and  
my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

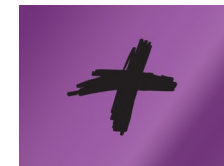
### ***Refrain***

### **Lesson Acts 1:6-11** (NRSV)

The lesson is from Acts, the 1st chapter.

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time  
when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you  
to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and  
you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to  
the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he  
was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going  
and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white  
robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking  
up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into  
heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'  
Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**Gospel Matthew 6:18-21** (NRSV)

The gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus said,* Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Preaching Lesson 1 Corinthians 13** (NRSV)

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.

**Refrain**

Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

Just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

And when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Holy God, **filled with your abundant grace, send us now to mend broken hearts, work for justice, and strive for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**





## **The 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**

### **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**

### Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Homily**

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

### **Prayer of Confession**

For self-centered living and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm; Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

In the mercy of almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

**ALL THINGS OF DUST TO DUST RETURN**

Thomas H. Troeger

THOMAS  
Carlton R. Young



1. All things of dust to dust re - turn on  
2. Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so  
3. Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a



earth and in the sky. The hot - test, bright - est  
I may com - pre - hend that ev - 'ry mo - ment  
stark and bar - ren cross re - mind - ing me that



suns that burn in time grow dim and die. The  
here and now links me to that same end I  
though di - vine you know my pain and loss, and



fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new - born  
share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and  
at the touch of dust and ash a - wake my



young that play, the leaves that fill the  
fade and tire yet by their wan - ing  
heart to view how death it - self is



for - est floor re - vert to dust and clay.  
light dis - cern your own un - dy - ing fire.  
but a flash that dies a - way in you.

**Imposition of Ashes**

Those who wish to receive ashes may form one line in the middle aisle. One -by-one you may come to the altar rail. A pastor will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words from God to Adam, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

After receiving ashes, please use this time for meditation and silent prayer.

Let us pray, Tune our hearts to Yours O God,  
**Through these ashes may we bear witness to your love, which finds us wherever we are and waits for us wherever we go, through life and beyond death. Amen.**

**Offering**

*Now Is the Time of Grace*

Haugen

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Generous God, **you feed us, nurture us, and provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

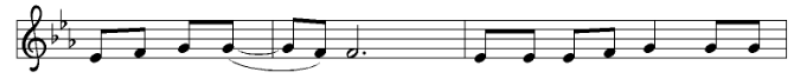
**Offering Response**

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

*Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



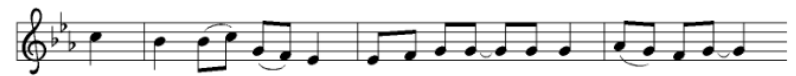
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.