

## 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 12th

8:30 AM Sunday School

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

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

10:45 AM Experiencing Prayer Through Music Activity

### Monday, February 13th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Meeting with Greater St. John

### Wednesday, February 15th

2:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group in the Chapel

2:30 PM Book Club-*Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

6:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 16th

1:00 PM-7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive at Faith Lilac Way

### Saturday, February 18th

12:00 PM Every Meal Bingo Fundraiser at Holy Nativity Lutheran (All are invited!)

### Sunday, February 19th

8:30 AM Sunday School

8:30 AM Confirmation

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

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

10:45 AM What is Contemplative Prayer?

10:45 AM Internship Committee Meeting



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# Sunday Worship

## FEBRUARY 12, 2023



## Welcome to Worship

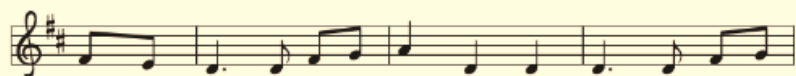
Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

*The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.*

### Prelude

### Gathering Hymn

#### God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



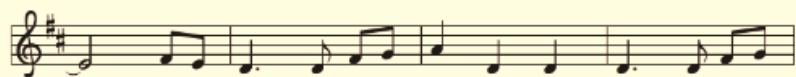
trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



*Refrain*  
Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

### Every Meal Mardi Gras Fundraiser on February 18th at Holy Nativity!

Faith-Lilac Way and our Wildfire Partners are proud supporters of the organization Every Meal which provides food to school children across the Twin Cities and surrounding communities. On February 18th from 12pm-3pm there will be a Mardi Gras themed fundraiser at Holy Nativity. All are invited and encouraged to come for an afternoon of fun and community. There will be Bingo (\$20 for 10 games), a bake sale, as well as pizza and snacks (\$10). All proceeds from this event will go to Every Meal to support them in their mission of feeding our community's children. You can sign up in the narthex.



### Robbins Way "Marty-Gras" Bingo Party!

Tuesday, February 21 from 6-7:30 PM  
Snacks, Games and Prizes!

Come and join friends (and friends to be) at a Bingo party with our neighbors at Robbins Way on the evening before Lent begins. In New Orleans they call this Mardi-Gras but in honor of Martin Luther, we call it a Marty-Gras! Pun intended.

Why are we holding a party? We want to get to know our neighbors and have fun with them! You can sign up in the narthex.

### Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services and Soup Suppers!

**Feb 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Theme: Explore Jesus' Parables with Paul Oman's Paintings**

**2:30 PM at Robbins Way**

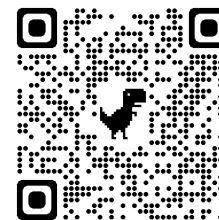
**5:00 Soup Supper**

**6:30 PM at Faith-Lilac Way Sanctuary**



Come for soup and fellowship and then stay for the service! Sign up in the narthex or contact the office if you would like to sign up to bring a soup or a salad. Don't like to cook? Come anyway. There's plenty to share. All are welcome!

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Rise, transformed, and choose to follow  
after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed  
to release and to console.

Alleluia, alleluia;  
Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future  
God has called us to receive;  
present by God's loving nurture,  
Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our sure vocation;  
courage be our daily breath;  
mercy be our destination  
from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Rise, O church, a living faith.

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon  
you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.** *Numbers 6:24-26* (NRSV)

### **Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Intern Pastor  
Music Director  
Chancel Choir  
Communion Assistant  
Lector  
Usher

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### **Invocation**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

### **Confession**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned  
away from you. For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of  
your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † 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.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### **Refrain**

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### **Refrain**

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

### **Refrain**

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

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### **Prayer of the Day**

Faithful God, **We give you thanks for your daily presence and guidance in our lives. Teach us to walk faithfully in your ways that we may reflect your goodness and live as your disciples. In your name we pray, Amen.**

### **Lesson:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NRSV)

The lesson is from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.

Moses said to the people, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 119:1-8 (NRSV)**

Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord!

**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct,  
that I might keep your statutes!

**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

## Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Communion Prayer**

Holy One, **we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

#### **Sending Song**

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

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Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,  
from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision  
whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
God, the wonder of our days.

## 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, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## First Gospel: Matthew 5:17-20 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5th and the 22nd chapters.

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

Jesus said “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

## Second Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

## **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Vicar Joanna Kathol



**Refrain**

Lead, me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy Light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

**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**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and  
power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

Liberating God,  
**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.**  
**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of  
merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Offering Response** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

**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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff contains 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff contains 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a triplet in the second staff.

**Words of Institution**