

## 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, July 9th

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 & Talk

1:30 PM Whiz Bang Days Walking Group meet at church

3:00 PM Whiz Bang Days Parade begins

### Monday, July 10

5:30-7:30 PM Vacation Bible School

### Tuesday July 11

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

5:30-7:30 PM Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday July 12

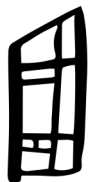
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6:30 PM The Gathering Place

### Thursday July 13

5:30-7:30 PM Vacation Bible School

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Come  
to me,  
all you  
that are  
weary

MATTHEW 11:28



Sunday Worship  
July 9, 2023

## Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

*The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Song** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ELW 853 vs. 1,2,4,5

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
has none that can compare  
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

Let all of humankind  
in this their concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space,  
sing, all who see his face,  
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er,  
today and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

### Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for Reflection.*

God of All, **we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Join us for Treats and Talk on Sunday Mornings!**

Join us in the library after worship on Sunday mornings for treats and conversation. Sign up or contact the office if you can provide treats on a summer Sunday. All are welcome!

### **Whiz Bang Days Parade! TODAY!!!**



Today is the last day of **Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days** with the parade being held this afternoon. FLW is taking part as a walking unit in the parade and invite you to join in! If you'd like to help represent FLW, contact Sue Ferkingstad before 11:00 today at 763.226.5833. We will be meeting at 1:30pm in the church parking lot to shuttle our group to the drop off area in Graeser Park.

### **Vacation Bible School – Starts Tomorrow! July 10-13 Monday- Thursday 5:30 - 7:30 PM**



**Where:** Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church

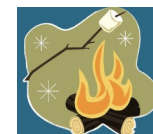
**Ages:** Preschool—6th grade

**Suggested Donation:** \$25/child

**How to Register:** Online at [www.faithlilacway.org](http://www.faithlilacway.org) or in the church office  
Join us for Dinner, Bible Stories, Crafts, Games & More!

**Sponsored by:** Faith-Lilac Way, and Greater St. John, and Wildfire partners including **Cross of Glory, Valley of Peace, Elim** and **House of Hope.**

### **Join us at “The Gathering Place” This Summer! Next Gathering: Wednesday, July 12th**



Where is the gathering place? Faith-Lilac Way's beautiful lawn! Join us at 6:30pm for a bonfire, smores and hotdogs! Come as you are and bring your family and friends because all are welcome to join us for some fun, games, conversation and fellowship!

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

### **Blessing**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless you, keep you, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

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

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor .....Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane  
Intern Pastor ..... Vicar Joanna Kathol  
Music Director .....Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson  
Musicians.....Jessica Hughes  
Heather Lane  
Lector .....Paula Lindgren  
Communion Assistant.....Brenda Thompson  
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**ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, and acted in ways we wish we could take back. We have looked the other way from those in need, and have stayed still when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: Everything old has passed away, everything has become new! In Christ ✠ you are a new creation: you are forgiven and your sins are taken away. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **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**

Your love, O Lord,  
Reaches to the heavens.  
Your faithfulness  
Stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness  
Is like the mighty mountains.  
Your justice flows  
Like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice  
To worship You, my King.  
I will find my strength  
In the shadow of Your wings. (*repeat*)

Your love, O Lord,  
Reaches to the heavens.  
Your faithfulness  
Stretches to the sky.

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### **Prayer of the Day**

O God of compassion, **you shoulder our burdens and ease our heavy hearts. Give us the strength to carry each other as you have carried us. Amen.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14 (NRSV)**

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
through-out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your  
works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **Lesson Romans 7:15-25** (MSG)

The lesson is from Romans, the 7th chapter.

What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I  
act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to  
figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that  
God's command is necessary.

But I need something *more!* For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and  
if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I  
obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it,  
but I can't do it. I decide to *do* good, but I don't *really* do it; I decide not to  
do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't  
result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the  
better of me every time.

It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do  
good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's  
pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly  
rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.

I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there  
no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?  
The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set  
things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all  
my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something  
totally different.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

### ***Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling***

ELW 608

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

#### ***Refrain***

"Come home, (Come home,  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? ***Refrain***

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. ***Refrain***

#### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Communion Prayer**

Wise and generous God, **we thank you that at this holy table you  
have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us now with  
your blessing to seek the good of our neighbors and to bring others  
to your feast of love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sending Song**

#### ***Jesus Shall Reign***

ELW 434 vs. 1,3,4,5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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 away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Congregation:*  
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
*Optional Repeat*  
life. Al - lu - ia!

**Gospel** Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

The gospel is from Matthew, the 11th chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

**Hymn of the Day**

***Day by Day***

ELW 790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
 when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
 oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
 Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
 you will hold me ever in your hand.  
 Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
 I will reach at last the promised land.

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

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

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
 our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offering**

***Give Me Jesus***  
 African American Spiritual arr. by Ortega

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**Offering Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Offering Response      *We Will Bless Thee, O Lord***

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "With our hands lift-ed up, \_\_\_\_\_ And our mouths filled with We will bless Thee, O Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ We will bless Thee, O". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "praise, \_\_\_\_\_ With a heart of thanks - giv - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ With a heart of thanks - giv - ing, \_\_\_\_\_". The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "\_\_\_\_\_ We will bless Thee, O Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ We will bless Thee, O Lord. \_\_\_\_\_".

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**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.**  
 It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn: