

## 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, March 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 Mental Health 101-What is Mental Health and Why Does it  
Matter?
- 12:30 PM Conversation with author Evan Kuder about his first book,  
Time Gate at Wicked Wort

### Monday, March 20th

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 22nd

- 10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer
- 10:30 AM Bible Study Series on the Book of Jonah
- 2:30 PM Lenten Service at Robbins Way-all are welcome!
- 5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper
- 6:30 PM Lenten Service with Deacon Kirsten in FLW Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

### Friday, March 24th

- 10:00 AM Visitation for Barbara St. Peters (Everett Love's sister)
- 11:00 AM Celebration of Life for Barbara St. Peters
- 6:00 PM Confirmands packing food bags at Every Meal in Roseville, MN

### Sunday, March 26th

- 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 Mental Health and the Church-How Can the Church Support  
Mental Health?



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## Sunday Worship

### March 19, 2023



# Welcome to Worship

**Children are welcome in worship at FLW!**  
*The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.*

## Prelude

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

The Lord is my Shepherd

**I shall not want.**

The Shepherd calls.

**We hear the Shepherd's voice.**

The Shepherd cares for our every need.

**We are loved.**

The Shepherd searches for us.

**We are found.**

The Shepherd leads us through the deepest valleys.

**We will not be afraid.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### Gathering Hymn

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

ELW 722

O Christ, your heart, compassionate,  
bore ev'ry human pain.

Its beating was the pulse of God;  
its breadth, God's vast domain.

The heart of God, the heart of Christ  
combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds,  
eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down  
and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives  
through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep  
that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain  
as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us  
that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart,  
become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ;  
our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry  
your love may be revealed.

## Worship Leaders

Pastor .....Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane  
Intern Pastor ..... Vicar Joanna Kathol  
Music Director ..... Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson  
Music .....Chancel Choir  
Cantor .....Chris Ipsen  
Communion Assistant .....Debbie Bren  
Lector .....Debbie Bren  
Usher .....Debbie and Mark Overman

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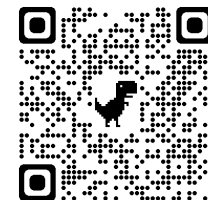
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During our worship service we pause to worship God with our offerings. At this time, in support of the ministry we share, some people put in the offering plate cash or checks or envelopes. Other people give online through regular banks or other mailed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

### **GIVE ONLINE TO FAITH LILAC WAY**



### Communion Prayer

Embodied God, **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Sending Song

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

ELW 726

Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.

#### Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world  
when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world:  
the promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain**

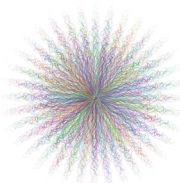
Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes. **Refrain**

#### Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

#### Dismissal

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



O Love that made the distant stars,  
yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross  
embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church  
that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you,  
a sacrifice of praise!

#### Confession

Gracious God, **we confess that we often invest our attention in misguided places and in misguided ways. We admit that where we focus our attention can prevent us from recognizing you at work right in front of us. Forgive us, and help us to center our lives in you so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed we may join in your creative and redeeming work for all the world. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and prayer.*

#### Absolution

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in †Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthens you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. 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.**

#### Kyrie

ELW 157

Cantor: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**All: Amen.**

#### Prayer of the Day

God of Grace, **you are our faithful shepherd and you care for each one of us. Guide us along your pathways and give us open eyes to see your presence in our lives, that we may trust in your promises even in the midst of life's challenges. In your name we pray, Amen.**

**Psalm 23***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW 502

The King of love my shepherd is,  
 whose goodness faileth never;  
 I nothing lack if I am his  
 and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
 my ransomed soul he leadeth  
 and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
 with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 but yet in love he sought me,  
 and on his shoulder gently laid,  
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
 thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
 thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

**Lesson** Ephesians 5:8-14

The lesson is from Ephesians, the 5th chapter.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Distribution****In This Feast of Love**

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Communion Blessing**

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 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.**

**Lenten Acclamation**

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** John 9:1-12

The holy gospel according to John the 9th Chapter

**Glorify to you, O Lord**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Vicar Joanna Kathol

**Hymn of the Day**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW 763

My life flows on in endless song;  
 above earth's lamentation,  
 I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
 that hails a new creation.

## **Refrain**

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? **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**

## **Anthem**

*My Song in the Night* setting by Carl F. Schalk

## **Offering Prayer**

God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## **Offering Response**

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is as follows:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
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, O  
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## **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: