

## Weekly Schedule

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(After the 9:30 service has streamed, there may be a slight delay)

### **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—What Can the Church Community Do?

### **Monday, March 27th**

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Council Meeting

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

### **Tuesday, March 28th**

6:00 PM Faith Practices Meeting at Christ Memorial

### **Wednesday, March 29th**

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study Series on the Book of Jonah

2:30 PM Healing Service at Robbins Way—all are welcome!

5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper

5:30 PM Internship Committee Meeting

6:30 PM Healing Service in FLW Sanctuary

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

### **Sunday, April 2nd—Palm Sunday!**

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 Intern Updates—Come and Hear What Our Past Interns Are up to Now!



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# Sunday Worship

## March 26, 2023



FAITH-LILAC WAY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

*The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.*

## Prelude

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

In the tombs of death

**You search for us.**

Beneath our grave clothes

**You see your beloved ones.**

With our tears

**Are mingled your own.**

We wait for you, Oh Lord,

**And in your Word we hope.**

For we trust that you will call us

**From death to life.**

### Gathering Hymn

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 886

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad

the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears

and bids our sorrows cease,

sings music in the sinner's ears,

brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,

new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe.

Look unto him, your Savior own,

O fallen human race!

Look and be saved through faith alone,

be justified by grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love

be now and ever giv'n

by saints below and saints above,

the church in earth and heav'n.

Here we are joined in one

Christ is with us He is with us

We'll proclaim 'til He comes

Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

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## Communion Blessing

### 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

*I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 485

"I am the Bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger,

and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

### Refrain

"And I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

"I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

If you believe in me,

even though you die, you shall live forever." **Refrain**

Yes, Lord, I believe

that you are the Christ,

the Son of God,

who have come into the world. **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.**

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**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

**In This Feast of Love**

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
1 In this feast of love,  
2 In this bread and wine,  
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.

*Here is Bread*

ELW 483

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here.

#### **Refrain:**

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here. **Refrain**

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here. **Refrain**

### Confession

Gracious God, **We confess that we bind and entomb others and that our own lives are marked by grave clothes and tombs. Forgive us for our death-dealing ways. Call us by name. Unbind us from all that is life-destroying so that cross-marked and Spirit sealed we might live your abundant, resurrected life now. 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

Almighty God, **your Son came into the world to free us all from sin. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you and our neighbors all of our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

The lesson is from Ezekiel, the 37th chapter.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy

Refrain I

With the Lord there is mer - cy and  
full - ness of re - demp - tion.

Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

### 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:

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;**

**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** *Once We Sang and Danced with Gladness* Briehl and Haugen

**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**

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.

If you were to keep watch | over sins,  
O LORD, | who could stand?

**Yet with you | is forgiveness,  
in order that you | may be feared. Refrain**

I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;  
in your word | is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord | more than those  
who keep watch | for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen - | teous redemption.

**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel  
from | all their sins. Refrain**

**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 11:1-45 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to John the 11th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night



stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Vicar Joanna Kathol

**Hymn of the Day**

**O God, Who Gives Us Life**

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

**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.**