

Join us at "The Gathering Place" This Summer!

Where is the gathering place? Faith-Lilac Way's beautiful lawn! This summer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, we will be gathering on the lawn 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! Our first event will be **Wednesday May 24th at 6:30 PM.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Every Sunday - online worship & printable bulletins available at faithlilacway.org

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

Sunday, May 14th-Happy Mother's Day!

8:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Weekly Worship in the Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Streaming online at www.faithlilacway.org

10:30 AM Treats & Talk

Monday, May 15th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

Tuesday, May 16th

Pastor Pam and Vicar Joanna Out of Office, Office Hours 9:30am-4:30pm.

Wednesday, May 17th

****Office Closed****

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 18th

****Pastor Pam and Vicar Joanna Out of Office, Office Hours 9:30am-4:30pm**

Saturday, May 20th

10:00 AM Community Clean Up-come help the community and enjoy coffee and donuts!

Sunday, May 21st-Pentecost and Choir Sunday

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

10:30 AM Treats & Talk-Come have cake and thank the choir for their music this year!

10:45 AM Internship Committee Meeting



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Sunday Worship

May 14, 2023



FAITH-LILAC WAY
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Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Invocation

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.

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Tommy Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Cleanup Day Rescheduled for Saturday, May 20th

Our Neighborhood Clean Up day earlier this month was rescheduled due to the weather, so we will now be gathering at 10:00am on Saturday, May 20th. Come for coffee and donuts and then help us clean up the neighborhood!

Special Worship on May 21st:

I'm Going to Sing When the Spirit Says Sings

Join us for worship next Sunday on May 21st as we celebrate music and Pentecost. Featuring the Ladies Ensemble and the Chancel Choir. After worship we will have cake as we say thank you to the choir for their beautiful music this year.

You're Invited! Robbins Way Bingo Night, Wednesday, 24th at 5:00pm

Join us for a fun night of bingo, prizes and snacks *and get to know our neighbors next door at Robbins Way!*

Faith Lilac Way T-Shirts!



Need a new one? Never had one? Short sleeved t-shirts available for purchase through the office. \$20 adult/\$10 children

Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious God **in you we live and move and have our being.**
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life
together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in
Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song

We Know That Christ is Raised

ELW 449

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

Blessing

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power
of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

**By your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you
took delight.**

We marvel at the oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, the water that
falls from the clouds above, the dew on the grass and the water that is
stored deep within the earth. The gift of water washes us clean, quenches
our thirst and nurtures crops and creatures.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.

In baptism, this same water, with God's word, joins us to Christ and
gives us new life.

**In baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with
the Holy Spirit.**

With this assurance, confess to God your sins, those times in which you
have not been your best self, which is the person that God made you to
be.

A moment of silence for reflection and confession.

Trusting in the power of God and the gift of baptism in which God claims
you as God's beloved child, all your sins have been forgiven, washed
away. May you be a witness of the power of God's resurrecting love and
may the Holy Spirit shower you with grace and love. **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

Blessing, Honor and Glory

ELW 433

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down
For He is risen!
Seated upon the throne
He is the Lamb of God! *(sing 2x)*

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

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Prayer of the Day

Risen Christ, **you prepare a place for us, in the home of the Mother-
and-Father of us all. Draw us more deeply into yourself, through
scripture read, water splashed, bread broken, wine poured, so that
when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as
the way, the truth, and the life. Amen**

First Lesson Acts 17:22-31 (NSRVUE)

The first lesson is from Acts, the 17th chapter.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how

extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

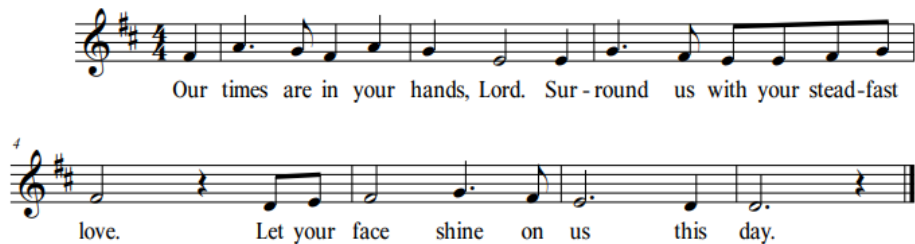
“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 24

Refrain



Our times are in your hands, Lord. Sur-round us with your stead-fast
love. Let your face shine on us this day.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

**Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my
stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength. Refrain**

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 473

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.

Offering Response

With High Delight Let Us Unite



Let prais-es ring, give thanks and bring to -
Christ our Lord ad-o-ra-tion. You pure in heart, all
bear your part, sing - Je-sus Christ our sal - va - tion. To set us free for
ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good
news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.

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:



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

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

My times are | in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |
persecute me.**

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."

**Be strong and let your | heart take courage,
all you who wait | for the Lord. Refrain**

Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

The second lesson is from First Peter, the 2nd chapter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel John 14:1-12 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know

where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day *I Received the Living God* ELW 477

Refrain
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die. **Refrain**

Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew. **Refrain**

Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free. **Refrain**

Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know. **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

...Risen Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection....through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

Anthem *The Love of God* Lehman and Nehorai

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**