This Week's 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, November 13th

8:30 AM: Sunday School

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live

at faithlilacway.org

10:30 AM: Brunch in the Fellowship Hall with Greater St. John's Mis-

sionary Baptist Church

Monday, November 14th

10:00 AM: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 15th

2:00 PM: TED Talk and Conversation in the Church Library

Wednesday, November 16th

6:30 PM: Confirmation 7:00 PM: Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 20th

8:30 AM: Sunday School

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live

at faithlilacway.org

10:30 AM: Treats and Talk in the library-all are welcome!

10:45 AM: Guest Speaker- Deanna StandingCloud (read about her in

the announcements!)





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Sunday Worship

November 13, 2022



Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

Activity bags for children are in the entry. The Nursery (down the hall) is available for families with young children to use.

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

We are in a green zone, which means a reduced risk of infection and masks are at your own discretion.

Prelude

Why Me, Lord

Kristopherson

Gathering Hymn How Firm a Foundation ELW #796 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Silence for reflection

We rejoice in awe and wonder at Christ's birth as well as watch and wait in hope for Christ to come again and bring restoration upon all the earth. O Come, O Come Emmanuel–God with us!

We will have midweek evening services during Advent from 6:30-7 PM on Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, November 30th.

'Tis the Season of Thanksgiving! Let us give thanks and Give with thanks!

We give thanks to God for All of God's many blessings to us this year.

- We give thanks that this year the choir is back and leading us in worship!
- We give thanks for being able to worship in so many ways in the pew, online, in the parking lot and at home with mailed sermons & bulletins;
- We give thanks for the new ways we can reach out with the Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices program.
- We can do all these things because of your support. We give thanks.

However, our church finances are behind - in the red - for this year. Some expenses have increased and we have had some unexpected expenses. For example, our sound system was crackling (you may have noticed). We needed to replace the amp (\$4,000+). Our phone system is not working well and the fee is a monthly increase. Replacing things like this is normal. But expensive.

Out of thankfulness for what has been and in anticipation of what we can do together in the future, we are asking you to help 'get the red out!' of our balance sheet with a Vector Love gift?" In this season of thanksgiving, we give thanks for you and invite you to "Give with Thanks" so we can end the year strong at Faith-Lilac Way.

Thank you for your support!

Looking forward to 2023

Thank you to all who have turned in an Estimate of Giving card. If you haven't had a chance to do so, it's not too late! Your Estimate of Giving response helps the council plan and prepare for our annual meeting and for our budget for 2023. Thanks for your help in supporting the mission we share.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fest!



When: Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm

Bring relatives and friends and join us on Thanksgiving Eve for worship as we give thanks and praise to God for our many blessings. After worship we will also have a Pie Fest in celebration of Faith Lilac Way's 79th anniversary! All are welcome to come and invited to bring a pie to share to this event hosted by W/ELCA. We can't wait to see you there!

Advent-Watch, Wait, Wonder and Hope.



Advent is quickly approaching and begins on the last Sunday in November! This year as we prepare for the birth of Jesus we will reflect on what it means for us as Christians to Watch, Wait, Wonder and Hope.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We

have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. 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 #158 (sing twice)



Hymn of Praise: You are Holy ELW # 525

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more

than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here

to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,

you are wholeness,

you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to our God!

Prayer of the Day

God of faithful surprises,

you continue to make your love and power known in unexpected ways and places. May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence with us and respond with joy and gratitude to your great love for us. Amen

1st Lesson Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi the 4th chapter.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Refrain: Cantor

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Psalm 98

Greg Scheer





Refrain: All

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Refrain 4



November 20th– Guest Speaker Deanna StandingCloud

Deanna StandingCloud is a citizen of the Red Lake Nation of Anishinaabe. StandingCloud is currently a Community Relations Specialist Tribal Liaison with United Healthcare Community & State Plan of Minnesota.

StandingCloud has been collaboratively working in community for many years. She was awarded the American Indian Family Empowerment Program grant through the Tiwahe Foundation to create a children's book entitled, "Anishinaabe Alchemy" that highlights cultural Ojibwe

icons as superheroes. She is also currently learning the Ojibwe language and helping to revitalize the traditional game of Lacrosse. Before the pandemic, she also completed her program as a Native Nation Rebuilder with the Native Governance Center, focusing upon "Sovereignty through Storytelling."

She is a mother, playwright, organizer, artist, community leader, pow wow emcee, and advocate for Indigenous people. In the spare time she can scrape up, Deanna enjoys spending time with her children Breanna, Nigozis and Ziigwan, attending traditional ceremonies, going on nature walks, creating art, building community, and cooking yummy food.

NEAR November Donation Food Drive Focus

Our shelves are very low, please consider donating the following items: Shampoo, Soup, Cereal and Canned or Boxed Meals. Note that we can also use paper bags and one dozen size egg cartons.

NEAR Toy and Gift Collection

NEAR is also collecting gifts for the holiday season. You can purchase and donate a gift for boys and girls from birth to 17 years old. Some of the most popular items include drawing supplies, toy cars, small toys, sports items, stuffed animals, etc.. Warm hats, mittens and scarves also make wonderful gifts. Donations can be placed in the NEAR box in the entryway until December 10th.

Volunteer at NEAR

We are looking for individuals that would be available to volunteer week-days in different areas of the food shelf. We have openings for folks to answer the phone and take appointments (volunteer from home), drivers to pick up and deliver, morning and afternoon packers. Please contact Thea Bruley, NEAR Food Shelf Manager at 763-533-2836 for more information.

Adopt a Poinsettia!

For our Christmas Eve service we've ordered extra single red poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary. They will be looking for a new home so please fill out an order form to make the adoption official!

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Announcements

Join us for the FLW/GSJ POTLUCK TODAY!

Join us today after worship for a potluck meal with Greater St. John downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited, welcome and wanted for this time of enjoying good food and fellowship. For more information, please see our Faith Practices Neighboring Practices team: Sue Ferkingstad, Rory Joygaard, Heather Lane, Tommy Thompson, Pastor Pam or Vicar Joanna.



Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Refrain

2nd Lesson 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (MSG) A reading from 2 Thessalonians the 2nd chapter.

Meanwhile, we've got our hands full continually thanking God for you, our good friends—so loved by God! God picked you out as his from the very start. Think of it: included in God's original plan of salvation by the bond of faith in the living truth. This is the life of the Spirit he invited you to through the Message we delivered, in which you get in on the glory of our Master, Jesus Christ.

So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on what you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter. May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Open Your Ears, O Faithful People ELW #519

Open your ears, O faithful people,

open your ears and hear God's word.

They who would learn the way of wisdom,

let them hear God's word.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

One day people were standing around talking about the Temple, remarking how beautiful it was, the splendor of its stonework and memorial gifts. Jesus said, "All this you're admiring so much—the time is coming when every stone in that building will end up in a heap of rubble."

They asked him, "Teacher, when is this going to happen? What clue will we get that it's about to take place?"

He said, "Watch out for the doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, 'I'm the One,' or, 'The end is near.' Don't fall for any of that. When you hear of wars and uprisings, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history and no sign of the end."

He went on, "Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Huge earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. You'll think at times that the very sky is falling.

"But before any of this happens, they'll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone at your throat because you carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters.

"You'll even be turned in by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be killed. There's no telling who will hate you because of me. Even so, every detail of your body and soul—even the hairs of your head!—is in my care; nothing of you will be lost. Staying with it—that's what is required. Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: you alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Worship Leaders

Pastor Intern Pastor Interim Music Director Chancel choir Soloist Communion Assistant Lector Usher Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane Vicar Joanna Kathol Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson

> Marty Moores Tori Swanson Linda Fernelius Stuart Lane Larry Geer

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One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun. One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.

Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall come the great awak'ning; soon the rending of the tomb! Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending Song Jesus Shall Reign ELW #434

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.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

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. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Apostles 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

Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Receive these prayers... through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth Keveren

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Offering Prayer:

Merciful God.

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offering Response We Give Thee But Thine Own ELW #686

We Give Thee but Thine Own ELW #686

We give thee but thine own,

whate'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine alone,

a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus

as stewards true receive.

and gladly, as thou blessest us,

to thee our first fruits give.

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



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

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 away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow ELW #327 Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread. One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires. and all who suffer want are blest.