

November 28, 2021 | Sunday Bulletin

Welcome to worship!

9:30 AM worship in the Sanctuary* and parking lot by radio FM104.9

Anytime online at faithlilacway.org or using our mailed resources

* For covid safety protocols see page 6

Holy Communion

All who believe are welcome to commune. Communion kits (chalices with grape juice and wheat wafers or bags with wine and gluten free wafers) available at the doors.

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #244: 1, 3, 4

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

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.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Hymn of Light

**O Splendor of God's glory bright,
O living Spring of light from light:
come, very Sun of truth and love;
come with your radiance from above.**

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose days draw near.

Amen.

Light the first candle.

Hymn of Light

**As dawn speeds on across the sky,
true Dawn, with haste come from on high.
O Word, through whom light came to be,
come in your pow'r and set us free.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of justice and peace,
**from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness,
that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder.
Guard our hearts from anxiety, fear and despair so that we
may be ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts, homes and lives. Amen.**

Psalm of Lament, Asking for God's Help Psalm 102

O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

When we pray and sing psalms asking for help, we remember that God hears us when we cry and God has the power, love and faithfulness to change the reality from which we are suffering - even though it is not always when or how we would choose.

Refrain

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

Cantor: *Refrain*

All: *Refrain*

Hear my prayer, Lord;

let my cry for help come to you.

**Do not hide your face from me
when I am in distress.**

Turn your ear to me;

when I call, answer me quickly.

For my days vanish like smoke;

my bones burn like glowing embers.

My heart is blighted and withered like grass;

I forget to eat my food.

All: *Refrain*

My days are like the evening shadow;

I wither away like grass.

**But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever;
your renown endures through all generations.**

You will arise and have compassion on Zion,

for it is time to show favor to her;

the appointed time has come.

All: *Refrain*

Let this be written for a future generation,

that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

“The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high,

from heaven he viewed the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners

and release those condemned to death.”

So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion

and his praise in Jerusalem

when the peoples and the kingdoms

assemble to worship the Lord. (NIV)

All: *Refrain*

Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ELW #487:2

What light of truth is offered here,

what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life,

what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king,

the sun come down from heaven.

Oh, see and hear and sing!

The Word of God is given.

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day ELW #247

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Baptism ELW page 227

We welcome **Charlie Jean-Luc Wilson** as a baptized child of God.

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

***Maranatha** (1 Corinthians 16:22) is a combination of two Aramean words, Maran'athah, and means, "Our Lord comes," or "Our Lord is coming."*

Prayer Refrain

**O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.
Maranatha! Maranatha! O come, Lord Jesus, come.**

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life ... in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Repeat Prayer Refrain

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our November mission outside our doors is the Lutheran University in Nigeria. Our Synod's international partner, the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, received permission to build this school, filling a huge gap in accessibility to education, but they can't do it without the help of all of us.

Offering Response

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,

we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to you. Receive our gifts and transform our hearts and lives so that as we wait and watch, we recognize Christ in our midst. Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

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.

Sharing Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Most High God,

you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

Sending Song ELW #259:1, 3, 4

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;

the King of glory comes in state;

the Lord of lords and King of kings,

the Savior of the world who brings

his great salvation to the earth.

So raise a shout of holy mirth

and praise our God and Lord,

Creator, Spirit, Word.

Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!

Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!

Every Sunday - Any Time - online worship available at faithlilacway.org

Sunday, Nov 28: Poinsettia orders Due

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot

10:30 AM: Adult Education (Hybrid) class in the library and on zoom

10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

Wednesday, Dec 1

3 PM Covid-Safe Advent mid-week Worship in Sanctuary

6:30 PM Advent midweek Worship in Sanctuary/parking lot/on zoom

Covid Guidelines:

Following Jesus' call to love and care for the neighbor, especially those who are vulnerable:

- **Masking is required for unvaccinated people**
- **Masking & physical distancing is recommended for all.**

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