

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, October 15th

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 and Talk

Monday, October 16th

7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

Tuesday, October 17th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 22nd

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 and Talk

Interested in a Bible Study, a Book Club, or another way of engaging your faith? Please talk with Pastor Pam or Vicar Karen.

This week's birthday cards are available to sign in the Narthex. Brighten someone's day!



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Sunday Worship



October 15, 2023

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, O Jesus, **for we have feasted on your Word and been strengthened by your banquet of love and grace. Send us out into the world so that none are left out and that your justice and righteousness will be made known in our words and actions. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

May the God the creator, † Jesus Christ, our savior, and the Holy Spirit who lives and breathes and is at work within you, bless you today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God whose generosity is boundless and whose mercy is sure.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous God, we in fear grumble in our time of need

But your abundance and provision are sure.

Christ Jesus, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough

But your abundance is extravagant.

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth

But your abundance is limitless and without end.

Trusting in your generous grace we humbly pray:

Forgive us, renew us and lead us so that we may reflect your love and live out your grace and generosity in our lives. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's generosity stretches beyond all understanding. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **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

You Have Been Good

O Lord You have been good
You have been faithful to all generations
O Lord Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation

Refrain

For by Your hand we have been fed
And by Your Spirit we have been led

O Lord You have been good
You have been faithful to all generations. **Refrain**

O Lord Almighty God
Father unchanging upright and holy
O Lord You have been good
You have been faithful You have been good

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator, **you entrust your goodness to all of us, and yet in fear we sometimes hide your blessings, afraid we will not have enough. Help us to both remember your generosity and to be generous too. Amen.**

Refrain

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. Refrain

I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will pay you my vows,

those that my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me. Refrain

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

he has heard the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me. Refrain

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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

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

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.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. **Refrain**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **Refrain**

Holy, Holy, Holy
Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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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.

Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33 (MSG)

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

"Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Preaching Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NRSV)

The reading is from 2 Corinthians, the 9th chapter.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and

with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day *The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercy* ELW 683

The numberless gifts of God's mercies
my tongue cannot fathom or tell.

Like dew that appears in the morning,
they come to us shining and full.

The numberless gifts of God's mercies,
my tongue cannot fathom or tell.

Like all of the stars in the heavens,
God's mercies can never be told.

They shine through the darkness of midnight;
their beauties can never grow old.

Like all of the stars in the heavens,
God's mercies can never be told.

I'll never count all of God's mercies,
but oh, I can give God my praise
for all of that love, my thanksgiving
and love to the end of my days.

I'll never count all of God's mercies,
but oh, I can give God my praise!

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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love...through Jesus Christ
our savior. **Amen.**

Mission Moment

Offering

I Surrender All

Potts

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offering Response

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

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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: