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, OCTOBER 16TH

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 - Library - All are welcome!
10:45 AM Congregational Service Project-Blanket Tying for Camp Noah in Library
10:45 AM Confirmation Class
10:45 AM Internship Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Ladies Ensemble

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

2:00 PM TED Talk and Conversation in the Church Library 7:00 PM Evening Book Club–Dinner With Edward by Isabel Vincent

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH

6:30 PM Confirmation Class in the library 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

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 - Library - All are welcome!
10:45 AM: Conversations around Vocation and Stewardship

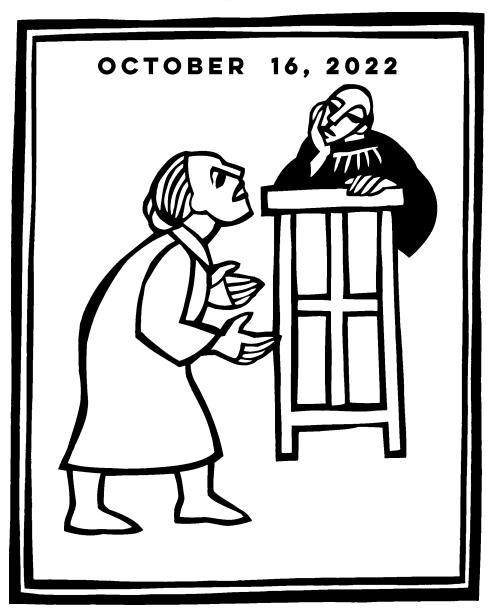
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Sunday Worship



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

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn We All Are One in Mission ELW #576

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are diffrent; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Stewardship Packets will be available for members after worship today (packets not picked up will be mailed out this week). Each packet includes the 3rd quarter giving statement, a stewardship letter, a Time and Talent Sheet, and an Estimate of Giving Card for 2023. We ask that you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a part of the mission at Faith Lilac Way, and bring your filled out responses on October 30th as we give thanks to God on Reformation Sunday! We will have a community brunch after worship on October 30th as well–all are welcome!

NOW INTRODUCING OUR NEW TREATS AND TALK FELLOWSHIP TIME!

The Faith Practices, Neighboring Practices team at FLW is seeking new ways to foster community within our congregation—starting with our Sunday morning fellowship time! You will notice that our treats and beverages after worship will move out of the narthex and into the library. It is our hope that doing this will give members opportunities to sit down together and enjoy some conversation and fellowship after worship. In the coming weeks you will also notice some new community activities such as art projects, a community jigsaw puzzle, small group conversations about life and Scripture, and service projects to benefit our wider community. Join us in the library after worship and come and see!

October 16th–Community Blanket Tying for Camp Noah–help children impacted by natural disaster!

October 23rd–Conversations around Vocation and Stewardship **October 30th–**Reformation and Stewardship Meal

COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREATING EVENT IN DOWNTOWN ROBBINSDALE ON OCTOBER 27TH!

Put on your costume and gather your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews and join us in Downtown Robbinsdale on October 27th from 4-6pm for a fun and safe community Halloween event! Faith Lilac Way will be hosting a booth to pass out candy and interact with families as we get to know our neighbors. We can use your help! Contact the church office if you can help set up or pass out candy. You can also donate a bag of nut-free candy for the event. Come join us for some fun!

NEAR OCTOBER DONATION FOOD DRIVE FOCUS

Our shelves are very low, please consider donating the following items: Vegetable oil, Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce and Baby Wipes. We can also use paper bags and one dozen size egg cartons.

Volunteer at NEAR

We are looking for individuals that would be available to volunteer weekdays 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.

as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP: LIVING FAITH!

This year our Stewardship focus is "Living Faith." We give thanks to God for all that God has given, and we reflect on how God is calling us to use our full selves-our time, talents, passions and treasures-to serve God and neighbor. How are you called to live out your faith with God and with others?

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

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

Faithful God,

Stir up faith within us, that we may follow in your footsteps and walk in your ways. Give us persistent hearts of generosity and compassion and guide us as we learn to love and serve the neighbor so your name may be proclaimed to all. Amen.

Stewardship Reading Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV) A reading from Colossians, the 3rd chapter.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121



Refrain: Cantor **Refrain**: All

Verse 1 May He never allow you to stumble Let Him sleep not your guard No He sleeps not nor slumbers Israel's God

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God p. 191

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.

Day by Day ELW #790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending Song Rise Up O Saints of God ELW # 669 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;

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Offering Response 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 firstfruits 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 ELW # 193 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Refrain

Verse 2

The Lord is your guard and your shade At your right side He stands By day the sun shall not smite you Nor the moon in the night

Refrain

Verse 3 The Lord will guard you from all evil He will guard your heart and soul He will guard your going and coming Now and forevermore

Refrain

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Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NRSV) A reading from Timothy, the 3rd chapter.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u> 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, 5 let them hear God's word. God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

<u>Gospel</u> *Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)* The Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

<u>Sermon Theme</u> God calls and equips us to be persistent in faith, justice, and service.

Hymn of the Day *Here I Am Lord ELW* #574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Gathered together...we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

O Christ the Same

Offering

Anthem

Dudley-Smith

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 7