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 22nd

8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Weekly Worship in the Sanctuary, Parking Lot and
Streaming online at www.faithlilacway.org

Monday, October 23rd

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 24th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Book Club (Library)

Wednesday, October 25th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 26

4:00 PM Give and Get in Downtown Robbinsdale

Reformation Sunday, Oct 29

9:30 AM Worship -Offering of Stewardship Cards 10:30 AM Treats and Talk 11:00 AM Spiritual Discernment Session: Advent and Christmas

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!



Forgotten your checkbook? Don't have a checkbook? Don't carry cash?

You can give online to Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church using the QR Code.





Sunday Worship



October 22, 2023

Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

All who believe are welcome to commune. You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white) and bread or a gluten free wafer - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.

Prelude Greystone Chapel

Shirley

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Joyful joyful we adore thee

ELW 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Invocation

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane
Intern Pastor	Vicar Karen Peterson
Music Director	Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Music	Chancel Choir
Soloist	Marty Moores
Lector	Grant Galarneau-Becker
Communion Assistant	Colleen Foster
Usher	Ashley Galarneau-Becker
	Kevin Peterson
Altar Guild	Debbie Overman
Streaming	Rory Joygaard
	Tommy Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following in Faith - Commitment Sunday for 2024

As a follower in faith of our Lord Jesus at Faith-Lilac Way, you are invited to bring your Stewardship Commitments for 2024 to worship on Sunday, October 29th, Reformation Sunday. As you come to the altar, we invite you to place your commitment card in the little church, which is symbolic of our church.

You may wonder: "Why do I need to share with anyone but God what I give?" It's a good question. It is not required. However, an "Estimate of giving," does two things. First, it helps you intentionally and prayerfully respond to the question: "How is God calling me to share the gifts of time, talent and treasure that God has entrusted to me?" Secondly, it helps the church council to plan for the ministry that we share. And then, on Sunday, November 19th we will all joyfully share in a potluck as we share what the congregation has pledged to give for the upcoming year.

Mission of the Month: Wildfire Every Meal

Today, more than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. Every Meal program volunteers place food bags in children's backpacks each Friday to take home. FLW has volunteers that go into Forest, Lakeview, and Meadow Lake Elementary Schools to deliver those food bags. You can make a check out to FLW-in the memo area write Every Meal. Donating cash-write that on the envelope. Thank you!

Reminder: Next Sunday, Reformation Sunday, October 29th After worship we will gather for a Spiritual Discernment session addressing the question: "In addition to Sunday morning, how shall we celebrate Advent and Christmas this year?

If you haven't done so already, please fill out the survey and then come with this or other ideas.

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, evermore 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!

Blessing

May the God the creator, \pm 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.

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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

Loving God, your son Jesus has shown us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

Lesson Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (NRSV)

The lesson is from Leviticus, the 19th chapter.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

ELW 721

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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 Love Divine, All Love 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.

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





Gospel Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVUE) The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW 708 Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain**

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*



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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.

Offering

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Wasson

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.

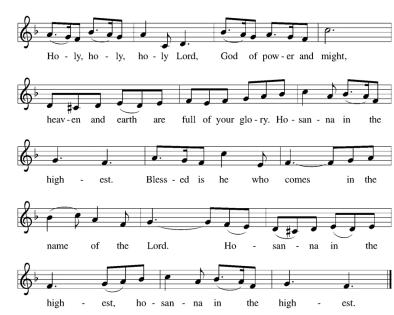
We lift them to the Lord.

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:





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