

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, September 17th

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

11:00 AM Property Committee

Monday, September 18th

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee

7:00 PM Book Club at Grace Lawson's home

Wednesday, September 20th

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 24th

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

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

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Sunday Worship



September 17, 2023

Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

Prelude

Welcome and Peace

Gathering Song *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* ELW 864

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence for Reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we**

Worship Leaders

PastorPastor Pamela Stalheim Lane
Intern Pastor Vicar Karen Peterson
Music DirectorAnn Marie Skoglund-Anderson
MusicChancel Choir
Cantor.....Sue Ferkingstad
Lector.....Debbie Bren
Communion Assistant.....Debbie Overman
UsherJim Lyons
Mark Overman
Altar Guild.....Brenda Thompson
Streaming.....Steve Ferkingstad
Dave Fernelius

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran Disaster Response

Hurricane Idalia, the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States this year, brought life-threatening storm surge, flooding and winds to the Big Bend region of Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. Idalia is just the latest disaster to impact our neighbors in the United States and around the world.

You can make a check out to FLW-in the memo area write Lutheran Disaster Response. Donating cash-write that on the envelope. Thank you!

Mission of the Month: Wildfire Every Meal



During the spring of 2010, the school administration at Sheridan Elementary in Northeast Minneapolis discovered students hoarding food from the cafeteria on Fridays. More than 90% of students at Sheridan receive free or reduced lunches, and many students were taking extra food home to eat during the weekend.

Today, more than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. Although schools have food programs to provide food while students are in school, the weekends, extended breaks, and summer result in "food gaps".

The 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. Money donated during the month of September goes toward buying food to fill those food bags.

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 **Go, My Children, with My Blessing** ELW 543

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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.

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fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. 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.**

Kyrie pgs.165-166

Hymn of Praise pgs. 167-168

Prayer of the Day

O God of Joseph and all his brothers, **your forgiveness transcends whatever wrong exists between us. Grant us the courage to forgive others, and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources, and the honoring of your desire for good. Amen.**

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 (NRSV)

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll

wor - ship your ho - ly name.

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Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

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You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Refrain

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.

In the Singing

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In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people, **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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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.**

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Lesson Genesis 50: 15-21(NRSV)

The lesson is from Genesis, the 50th chapter.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves. 'But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

The gospel is from Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who

wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day **God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**

ELW 603: 1,2,4,5

God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.

Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!

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 **The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate**

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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 **The Steadfast Love of the Lord**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness, O Lord,
great is thy faithfulness.

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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: