

This Week's Schedule

**EVERY SUNDAY - ONLINE WORSHIP &
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AT FAITHLILACWAY.ORG**

*(AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE HAS STREAMED,
THERE MAY BE A SLIGHT DELAY)*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming
live at faithlilacway.org
10:30 AM: Fellowship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

2:00 PM: Bible Study from the Gathering Magazine (No prep needed)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 PM: Chancel Church choir. You are invited to come!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4-5:30 PM: Prayers and Cares with Pastor Pam on the patio between
Been There Coffee and Wicked Wort 4165 W Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale.
(Inside if inclement weather)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS AT HOLY NATIVITY, 3900 WINNETKA AVE N

9:30 AM: Breakfast
10:00 AM: Worship
10:30 AM: Service activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 AM: Sunday School
9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming
live at faithlilacway.org
10:30 AM: Fellowship, Meet the Intern in the Library, Confirmation
class in the Fellowship Hall.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:30 - 7:30 PM: Robbinsdale Meet and Greet down town!



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Sunday Worship

September 4, 2022



Welcome to Worship

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 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.

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 now in a yellow zone - which means an increased transmission rate for Covid. You are encouraged to wear a mask but it is not required.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ELW #533*

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.

Announcements

MISSION OF THE MONTH: WILDFIRE EVERY MEAL

Every Meal works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks. More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. When these children don't have access to the free and reduced meal programs at school, they don't have access to reliable food and the risk of hunger is very real.

Wildfire Churches, including FLW, provide nutritious and culturally appropriate foodbags to children's backpacks at Lakeview, Forest and Meadowlake Elementary schools every week. Your donation helps provide the food for the bags our volunteers put in the children's backpacks. Thank you for your support. Please make checks payable to Faith Lilac Way with a note that says Mission of the Month: EveryMeal

JOIN OUR BOOKCLUB! (DAYTIME OR EVENING SESSIONS)

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAYS AT 2 PM

September 6 - Bible Study (No preparation required)
September 13 - Join us for a Ted Talk! (No prep required)
September 20 - Social Hour - come for conversation and yummy treats
September 27 - Book Club!

NEAR FOODSHELF SEPTEMBER DONATION DRIVE FOCUS

Our shelves are very low, please consider donating the following items: Tuna (canned or pouch), Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Peanut Butter and Jelly. We can also use paper bags and one dozen size egg cartons.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Our first choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM. Come and sing songs and stay for a sweet treat. We will get to know each other, talk about plans for the Fall, Advent and Christmas seasons and answer any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome - whether you have sung in the choir for years or you want to try it out for the first time.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders

Pastor
Intern
Interim Music
Soloist

Rev. Pam Stalheim Lane
Pastor Vicar Joanna Kathol
Director Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Anne Ng

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Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

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 # 154

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Hymn of Praise *All Creatures, Worship God Most High ELW #835 Vs 1, 2, 6*

All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain

you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear,

make music for your Lord to hear:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,

and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit, Three in One:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Loving God who calls us to daily discipleship,

Strengthen and sustain us on our journey of discipleship. Teach us the ways to follow so that we may reflect your love to the world, and help us to keep you central in our lives. Amen.

First Lesson *Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NRSV)*

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

In the Singing ELW #466

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**

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending Song *Lift High the Cross ELW #660*

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

Blessing

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

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.**

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God ELW #195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Psalm

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in
its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 171

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)

The Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross.

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Vicar Joanna Kathol

Hymn of the Day Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus ELW #80

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

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.**

Receive the prayers ... through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission of the month is Wildfire EveryMeal which provides food for local school children and their families.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

**As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
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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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: