



# February 1, 2026

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### *The Woman at the Well*

#### **Welcome to Worship**

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, and ability into all aspects of our church life.

~ Faith Lutheran Church

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.





# WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin.

Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you.

**Prayer requests** to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastors, ushers, or anyone you see!

We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel **comfortable** here.

**Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship.** We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a **lively, caring, and energetic** community.  
We are so glad you are here!

### **Overview of the Scripture**

*The Woman at the Well is a well known story. This story is presented in deliberate contrast to the story of Nicodemus from last week. We shift from last week, where Jesus and Nicodemus met in the darkness, to Jesus now meeting the woman in the middle of the day in blazing light. There is nowhere for her to hide. Jesus answered the Pharisee's questions and his belief is still suspect when he leaves. The woman, on the other hand, is one of the people least likely to comprehend him, and yet she leaves with clarity and bears witness to the whole community.*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Like as the Hart*

VINCENT NOVELLO+

SOLO ENSEMBLE: RUTH FOSTER-KOTH, CHERYL PETERS, SHERYL SCHMELING & JOHN HUSHAGEN

*Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me?  
O put thy trust in God.  
~ Psalm 42:1, 5*

#### **INVOCATION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.  
**Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**





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



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,<br/>         that they had seen the risen Lord,<br/>         he doubted the disciples' word.<br/>         Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>         he saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>         "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.<br/>         Alleluia!</p>      |
| <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,<br/>         and look upon my hands, my feet;<br/>         not faithless, but believing be."<br/>         Alleluia!</p>     | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,<br/>         and yet whose faith has constant been,<br/>         for they eternal life shall win.<br/>         Alleluia!</p> |

## 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.**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANTHEM

### *Give Me Jesus*

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL+

TRIP EDGERTON, SOLOIST

*Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the world, give me Jesus.  
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus.  
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### READING Psalm 42:1-3

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

My tears have been my food  
day and night,

while people say to me continually,  
"Where is your God?"

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL John 4:1-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Word of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

# SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 419

## *For All the Faithful Women*

KUORTANE

SING VERSES 1, 8, 2 & 3



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.  
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

*8. Recall the outcast woman  
with whom our Lord conversed:  
Christ gave her living water  
to quench her deepest thirst.  
Like hers, our hearts are yearning;  
Christ offers us his word.  
Then may our lips be burning  
to witness to our Lord.*

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

## APOSTLE'S 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 power of 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

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Voluntary in G Major*

WILLIAM WALOND\*

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*As we gather for communion, all are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. You will receive the bread (host) and the wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available and the baked bread is gluten free. If you are communing from another location, we trust that Christ is present through the Holy Spirit in the bread and the wine/grape juice. Please note the importance of the words of institution and the invitation to communion, holding holy worshipful space within this sacrament.*

## 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.**



In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

#### LORDS 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 INVITATION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Come, all is ready, all are welcome.

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever, Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas      Last time



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*pul - so de tu\_a - mor.*  
*beau - ti - ful for thee.*  
*pow'r as thou shalt choose.*  
*mes - sag - es from thee.*  
*be thy roy - al throne.*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955  
 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor,  
 and give you peace.  
 In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
**Amen..**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Give Me Jesus*

SPIRITUAL+

*Oh, when I want to sing, give me Jesus.*  
*You may have all the world, give me Jesus.*

## SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** **William Walond** (1725 – 1770) was organist at Oxford University, and supposedly the first composer to set to music Alexander Pope's *Ode to Saint Cecelia*.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst  
 Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir  
 Reader: Karla Petersen  
 Ushers: John Hushagen & Linda Mihalov  
 Fellowship: Richmond Family  
 Altar Guild: Karren Johnson  
 Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter  
 Tech Operator: Carl Presley

## NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 40:1-5  
 John 4:46-54, 5:1-18



## Ailanga Presentation

Please join us **TODAY Sunday, February 1** after worship in the library for a slide presentation by members of the 2025 delegation to Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary. Stories and photos will be shared, along with a gift to Faith from the school. All are welcome to gather in the library for a time of sharing and discussion.

Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary is a private boarding school for grades 8-12+ in Tanzania. Ailanga's vision is to be a fountain of faithful Christian students who are prepared for university education and equipped with knowledge to serve the church and their society. Through the non-profit Ailanga School Project, Faith has been a partner with the school since 2004, providing funding support and sending delegations to sustain our international, faith-based relationship and participate in cultural exchange. Every year we have a special celebration of our partnership during Epiphany. Thank you in advance for your prayers and donations for Ailanga school.



## Faith Lutheran Blood Drive

Monday, February 23 12-6pm

Do you know the name Dr. Charles Drew? Considered to be "the father of blood banking," Dr. Drew navigated racism in medicine in the United States to become a pioneer in modern blood storage and transportation practices. In the shadow of WWII, Dr. Drew developed a method to separate and preserve plasma for up to two months. Wartime efforts to save lives on the battlefield under his leadership formed the model for modern blood banking.

In a system of prejudice against Black people, Dr. Drew conducted lifesaving research allowing for blood banking to flourish across the country and the world. But in one of medicine's uglier ironies, he was ineligible to donate blood to the program he made possible.

Until his passing, Dr. Drew was an advocate first for allowing Black donors to give blood and then for ending the baseless segregation of blood based on the donor's race. He died the same year that the American Red Cross ended its policy of segregating blood.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States requires a blood transfusion. These patients receive the blood they need, thanks to the legacy of Dr. Charles Drew. His legacy continues through your generous blood donations ensuring a safe and reliable blood supply for everyone in our community.

Join us for the Faith Lutheran Church blood drive on Monday, February 23. Appointments are available between 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Scan QR code or click on the link in the weekly email.







## **Winter Shelter Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer to provide weekend meals for Lake City Partners Winter Shelter at Faith Lutheran Church. Scan QR code or click on the link in the weekly email.



## **God's Little Acre Donations**

### **Requests**

- Cheater eyeglasses - gently used ok

New or gently used - men or women

- Jackets
- thermal underclothing, gloves, hats
- beanie w/headlamps or headlamps separate

Items can be placed in or next to the GLA box (by Oaks bins.)

Additional items needed listed on the donation box.

# Lenten Soup Supper & Holden Vespers



Please join us Wednesdays during  
Lent for a Soup Supper followed by  
Holden Vespers, all held in the Library.



February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

6pm Soup Supper

7pm Holden Vespers

A sign-up sheet to bring soup or bread is  
available in the Library. You may also sign up by  
emailing Sheryl at [sheryllschmeling@gmail.com](mailto:sheryllschmeling@gmail.com)

