



February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Jesus Raises Lazarus

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 Scripture

The story of Lazarus is only found in the gospel of John. It is unusual, yet profound that we hear this text on the first Sunday in Lent. For John, the raising of Lazarus is the final sign that Jesus does before he enters Jerusalem. Raising Lazarus from death is a culminating sign of the Father's glory and Jesus' oneness with the Father (verses 4, 21, 41–42). Calling Lazarus from the tomb also leads directly to Jesus' death (11:53). The story of Lazarus comes just before the farewell discourse (ch. 14-17), where Jesus teaches his disciples how to grieve. Some (including Pastor Shannyn) see the farewell discourse beginning in chapter 11 as Jesus weeps with full sorrow over the death of his beloved friend, showing us that Jesus truly does understand and know the pain and grief we feel in our own losses. It also prepares us for the resurrection to come, helping us understand that death does not win or have the final word.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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EDVARD GRIEG

GATHERING

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

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

OPENING LITANY

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.

**My guilt has overwhelmed me
like a burden too heavy to bear.**

All my longings lie open before you, Lord;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

**My heart pounds, my strength fails me;
even the light has gone from my eyes.**

I have become like one who does not hear,
whose mouth can offer no reply.

**Lord, I wait for you;
you will answer, Lord my God.**

For I am about to fall,
and my pain is ever with me.

**I confess my iniquity;
I am troubled by my sin.**

Lord, do not forsake me;
do not be far from me, my God.

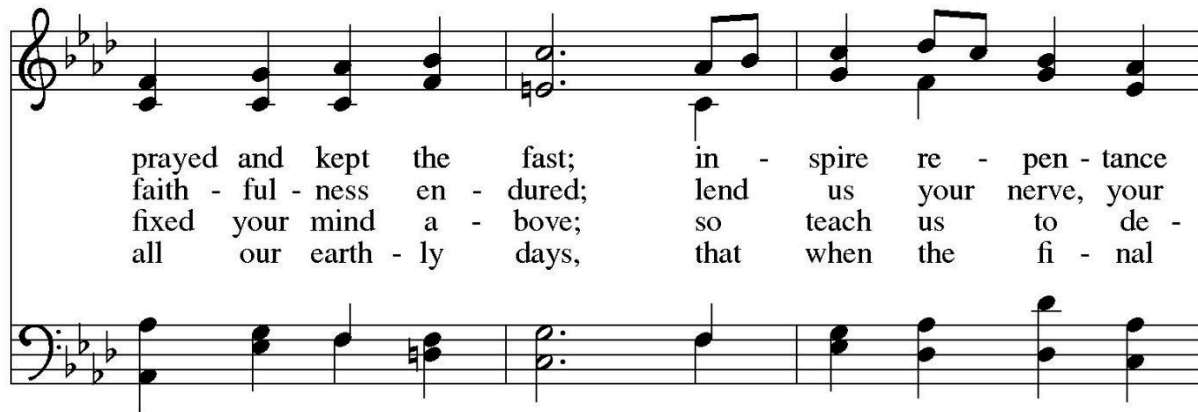
**Come quickly to help me,
my Lord and my Savior.**

OPENING HYMN 319 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

CONSOLATION



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

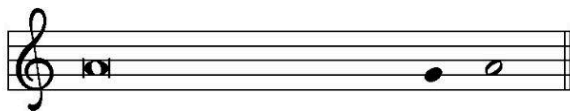
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 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

GREETING

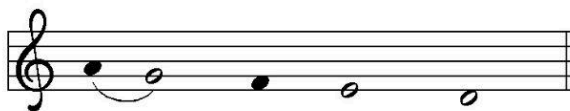
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

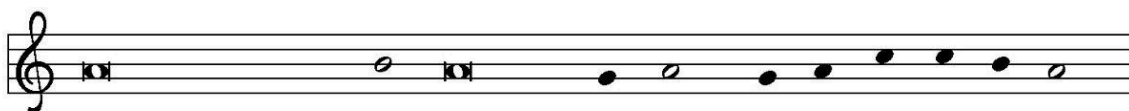
KYRIE



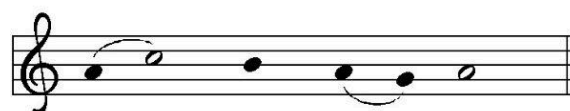
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



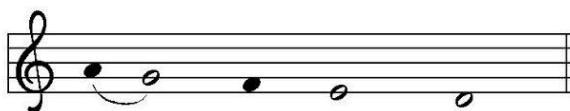
Lord, have mer - cy.



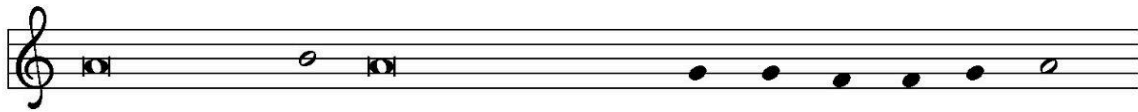
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

JOHN D. HORMAN+

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH SUZANNE PHILLIPS, VIOLINIST

*God so loved the world that to us a son was given
And whosoever believes in him shall live forevermore.
~ John 3:16*

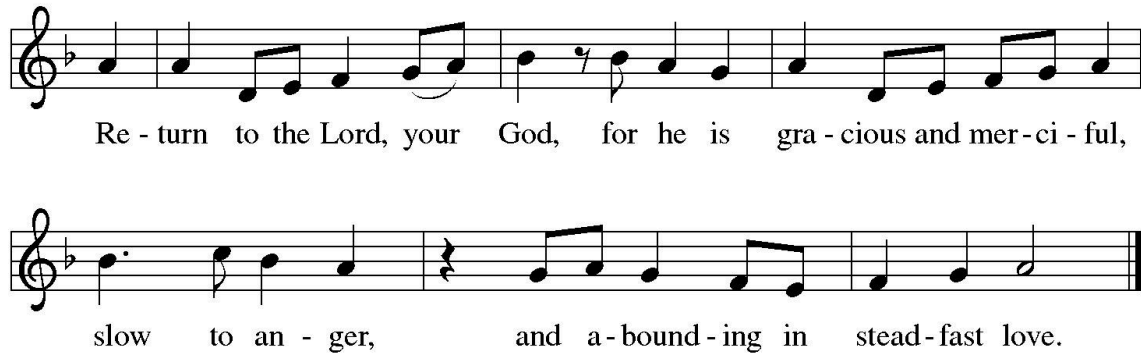
CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING Psalm 104:27-30

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 11:1-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 485

I Am the Bread of Life


I AM THE BREAD

LEADER: DIANE MACHATKA; LEADER SINGS VERSES 1 & 4; REFRAIN SUNG BY ALL

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have . . .

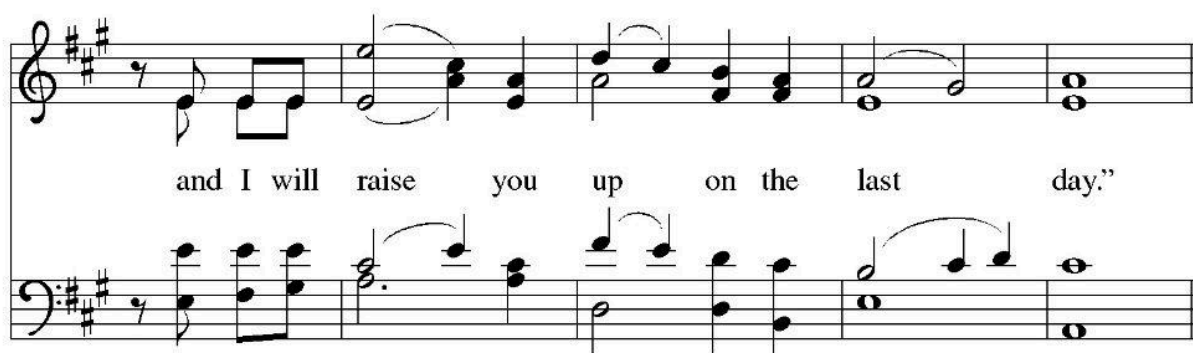


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

PRAYERS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

...God of grace,
receive our prayer.

...Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Song of Remembrance

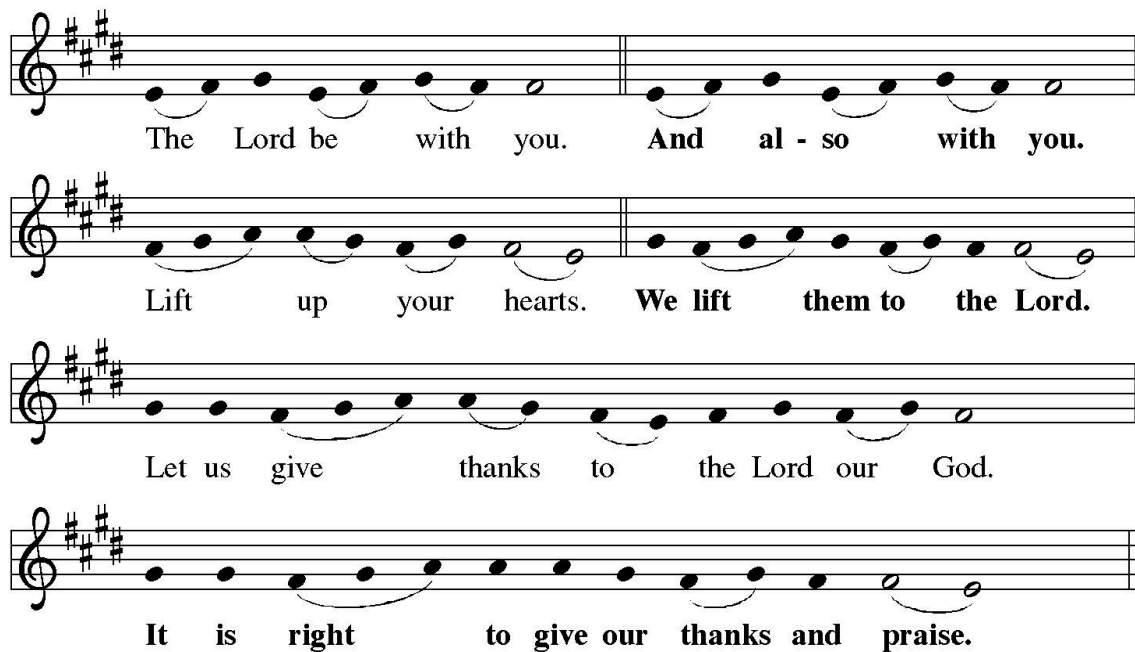
LYDIA HERHOLDT, ARR. LIZ STORY

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

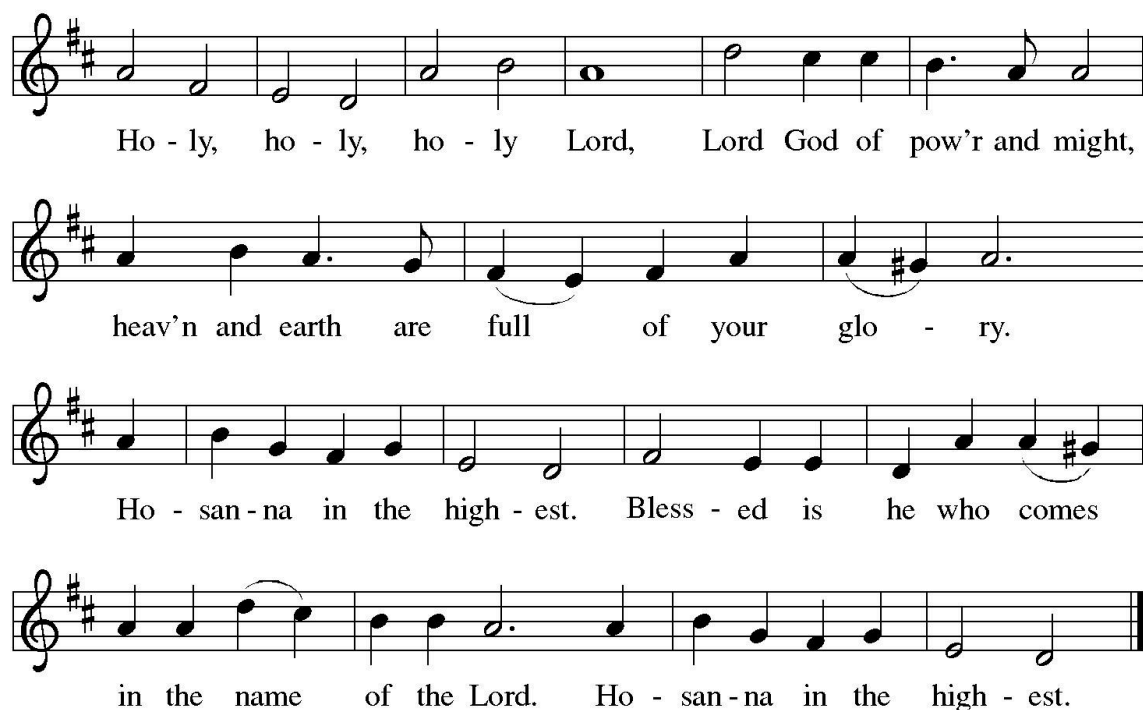
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome to this table of compassion and unconditional love.

LAMB OF GOD: HYMN 341

Now Behold the Lamb

NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As we gather for communion, all are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please place your hands over your heart as a sign of requesting the blessing. 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.

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

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN 333

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

WEARY LAND

REFRAIN SUNG BY ALL; VERSES SUNG BY LEADER

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

BLESSING

May God bless your going out
and coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God So Loved the World*

JOHN D. HORMAN+

SENDING

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

+ + +

***WORSHIP NOTES:** **Liz Story** studied classical piano at the Julliard School of Music and Hunter College, turning to jazz after hearing pianist Bill Evans at the Bottom Line in New York City. She began improvisation while playing piano in a southern California restaurant, due to the piano having no music desk. She has recorded a number of acclaimed albums for Windham Hill and RCA Records, highlighting her classical piano background fused with jazz, folk, pop and impressionistic music.

Thanks to **Diane Machatka** for her hymn leadership in this morning's worship service, and to violinist **Suzanne Phillips** for adding her instrument's color to the anthem and benediction response!

+Anthem & Benediction Response copyright 1988, 2008, Choristers Guild

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching: Eric Lansverk

Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Diane Machatka, Suzanne Phillips

Reader: Karla Petersen

Ushers: Rick Gleason, Daniel & Isaac Macebo

Fellowship: Debbie & Mark Strom

Altar Guild: Suzanne Phillips

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Carl Presley

NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 51:7-12

John 13:1-17



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.



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



It is your generous donation that
sustains the ministries at Faith
Lutheran Church, in our community
and in the world. Thank you.

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