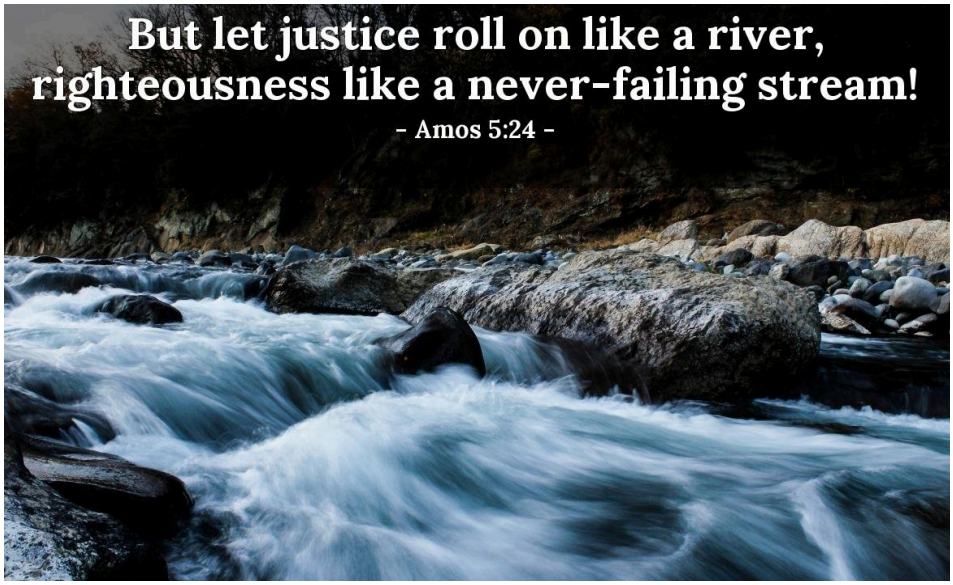
November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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 (down the hall to the right) after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship.

An all gender restroom is located in the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary. **Gender specific 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 and in the pew racks.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to explore the building and ask questions of the pastor, 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
Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Why are we using the First Nations Version (FNV) *instead of the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition (NRSVUE) for the New Testament readings and Lord's Prayer?*

The First Nations Version is an Indigenous English translation of the Christian Scriptures—primarily the New Testament—created by Native North American translators and published by InterVarsity Press in 2021, with Psalms and Proverbs added in 2025.

November is often a time when the stories of Indigenous people are misread, misunderstood, and misinterpreted. The ***First Nations Version (FNV)*** *is a dynamic-equivalence translation of the Bible crafted to reflect the* ***storytelling patterns, rhythms, and cultural idioms*** *of many First Nations and Native American communities. It aims to communicate Scripture in a way that resonates with Indigenous oral traditions.*

Key Features
- ***Dynamic equivalence*** *translation style to mirror Indigenous oral storytelling.*
- ***Names rendered in Native naming patterns*** *(e.g., Mary → "Bitter Tears," David → "Much Loved One").*
- ***Collaborative translation council*** *of twelve Indigenous elders, pastors, and community members from over 25 tribes.*
- ***Led by Terry M. Wildman****, who is of Ojibwe and Yaqui heritage.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Toccata in G Minor*, Part I GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
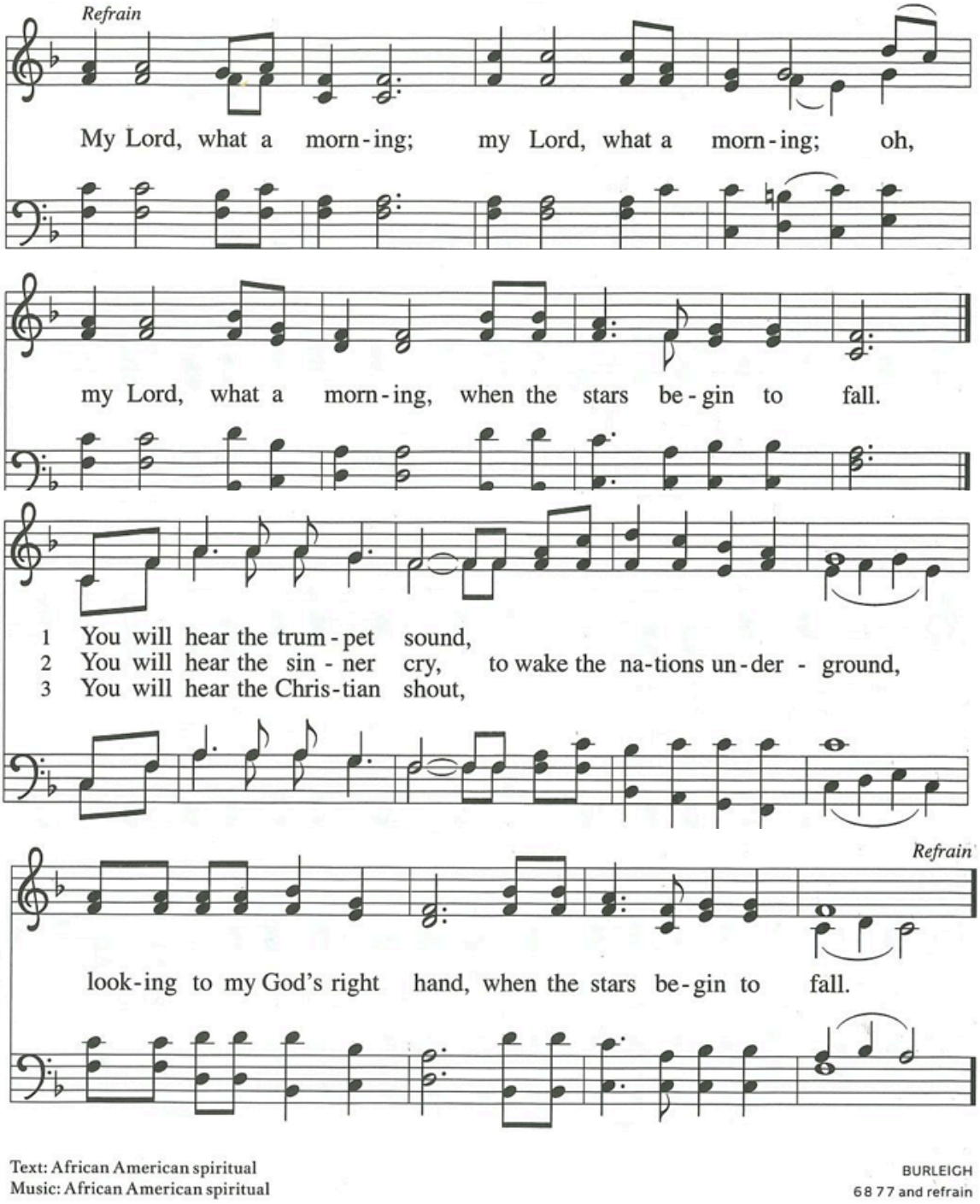
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 438 *My Lord, What a Morning* BURLEIGH



GREETING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *O Praise Ye the Lord* NOEL DEXTER+

WITH JOHN MONSEN, PERCUSSION

O praise ye the Lord, O praise ye the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord!

In the firmament of his power, praise him!
For his mighty acts, let us praise him!
For his excellent greatness, praise him!
O praise ye the Lord.

With the sound of the trumpet, praise him!
With the psaltery and harp, O praise him!
With the dance and the timbrel, praise him!
O praise ye the Lord.

With stringed instruments let us praise him!
And with organs, O let us praise him!
With the high and loud cymbals, praise him!
O praise ye the Lord.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
~ Noel Dexter, after Psalm 150

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING (alternate): Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MARTY HAUGEN

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

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 (First Nations Version)
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.
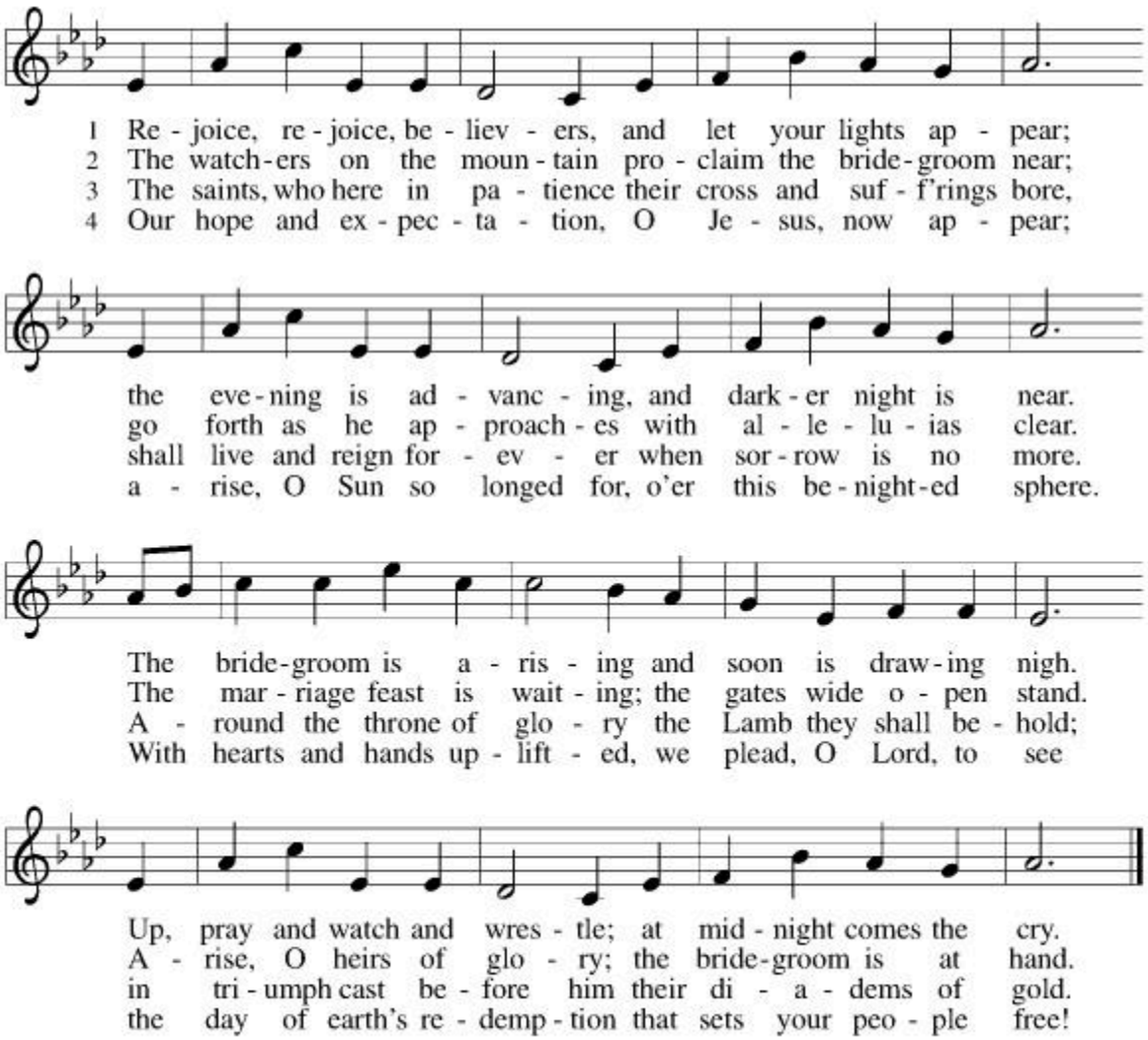
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 "When that time comes, the ones who are walking Creator's good road from above will be like ten young, unmarried women who took their ceremonial torches and went out to welcome the groom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3–4 The wise women took an extra clay pot of oil along for their torches, but the foolish ones did not bother to bring any.
5 "The groom did not come when expected, and they all fell asleep as they waited.
6 Then suddenly, in the dark of the night, someone cried out, 'Look! The groom is coming, let us go welcome him!'
7 "All the women woke up to prepare their torches, but the oil in the torches had run out.
8 "The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil so our torches will not go out.'
9 "The wise ones answered back, 'There is not enough for all of us. Hurry, go to the village and trade for some more.'
10 "They hurried away to get more oil. But while they were gone, the groom came and all the guests went into the lodge for the wedding feast, and the gate was closed.
11 "A while later the other women came to the gate and said to the gatekeeper, 'Honored one, O honored one, open the door and let us come in.'
12 "But he said to them, 'I truly do not even know who you are—why should I let you in?'"
Creator Sets Free (Jesus) finished the story with these words of wisdom.
13 "Here is what I am saying to you: be prepared like the wise women in this story and always be ready, for you do not know the time of day or night that the True Human Being will appear."

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 244 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

COUNCIL BLESSING & PRAYERS

PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
Please share a sign of the peace as you are comfortable.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Toccata in G Minor*, Part II GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI*

OFFERING PRAYER
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER *(First Nations Bible Translation)*

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day — the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so!

COMMUNION INVITATION
In bread and cup, the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Toccata in G Minor*, Part III GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI*

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
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN 439 *Soon and Very Soon* VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there…
No more dyin' there…
Soon and very soon…

BLESSING
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *O Praise Ye the Lord* NOEL DEXTER+

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

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***Worship Notes:** The **toccata** by **Girolamo Frescobaldi** heard in this morning's service is mysterious, possibly with a design towards creating a mystical aural haze during communion. There are moments of greater displays of energy as well as numerous cadence points; such cadences serve an artistic function, allowing dramatic changes of mood throughout the piece, as well as the practical function of furnishing numerous places where the player might stop the music *on cue*, as is still the rule at St. Peter's in Rome, where Frescobaldi once served as Papal Organist.

Thanks to our percussionist, **John Monsen**, for joining us in this morning's music!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP
Preaching: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, John Monsen
Reader: Linda Mihalov
Ushers: Jim & Holly Johnson
Fellowship: Wally & Eileen Powelson
Altar Guild: Charmaine Haaland
Zoom Host: Debbie Strom
Tech Host: Mark Strom



NEXT WEEK (Nov. 15)
Preaching & Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Lynn Krog
Ushers: *You are invited!*
Fellowship: Nancy & Jamie Estill
Altar Guild: Suzanne Phillips
Zoom Host: Pat Wilson
Tech Host: Wally Powelson

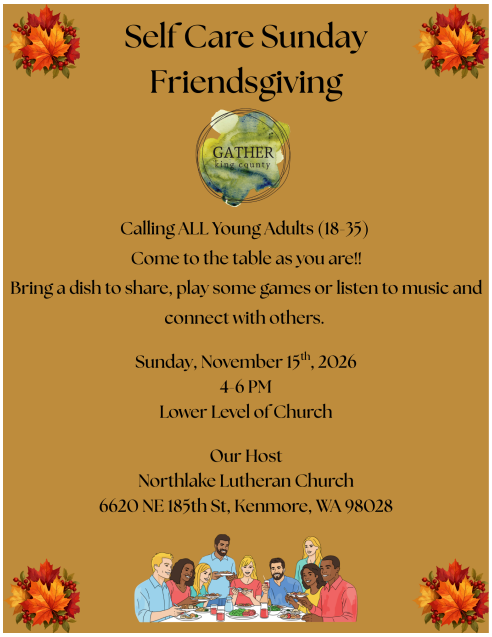


Theology Pub, November 8, 6:00p
Young Adults (21-35yo)

Young adults are invited to meet at Project 9 Brewing (1409 NE 80th St) on Sunday, November 8 at 6:00p. There are a variety of beers and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as a delicious food truck.

Theology Pub is a time to meet in a casual, social setting to discuss faith, meaning, identity, culture, and other big questions. It blends the tradition of the early church's *oikos* (household gatherings) with the informal intellectual fellowship, creating a relaxed but thought-provoking environment for dialogue. It dates back to when theologians Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon (16th century) would drink a beer and debate theology. Luther wrote that it is not a trivial pastime, but a deliberate linking of divine action in history with everyday life, showing that God works through ordinary moments, not through human effort alone. Come join in the fellowship and discussion.





Self Care Sunday Friendsgiving
(GATHER King County)
November 15th, 2026 4-6PM at Northlake Lutheran Church (6620 NE 185th St, Kenmore, WA 98028) in the lower level of the church.

GATHER King County
18-35 year olds
Join young adults from the greater King County (Mercer Island/Seattle/Bellevue) region in fellowship, worship, community, and discussion. GATHER meets quarterly to spend time asking challenging questions of ourselves, our faith, and our world. All young adults (18-35) from across race, faith background, gender, sexuality, and perspective are welcome here to meet, to be, to gather.

GATHER
king county

Faith Lutheran Community Discernment Conversations!

The Community Engagement Leadership Team is engaging the community in discernment conversations to check in on how we're doing, and what values and energies Faith members are yearning to see engaged on an intentional level in the next 3-5 years. You will be invited via email for a phone call or coffee visit to have a chat with a CELT or Council member between now and the end of November. The conversation is meant to be relational, but will be guided by these questions:

- **What is currently feeding your Spirit in your daily life?**
- **What brought (and continues to bring) you to Faith Lutheran Church?**
- **What happens now in this congregation that you value and want to keep?**
- **How would you like to see this congregation lean into mission and ministry in the future?**
- **How might you be inspired to engage or immerse more deeply in community with this congregation?**

We hope you will find the time to accept your invitation to share! These conversations will help the council to shape a renewed mission and vision for the next 3-5 years of ministry at Faith!

Advent Devotional

All ages are invited to contribute to the Advent Devotional of Faith Lutheran Church. Each day has an assigned Psalm. The theme for Advent is "Wondering…and…Waiting."



Advent is a time of waiting. Part of the rhythm of the church year AND the rhythm of our lives includes times of discernment, wondering, waiting, and asking what God is up to in our midst.

You are invited to share a piece of your own **writing,** a **text/blessing/poem** that speaks to you, a piece of **art**, **music**, **and/OR** youtube music video that shares your reflection on the assigned Psalm. Pastor Shannyn and Deacon Liz are available for support or guidance on content. Charmaine H. is available for all other questions and signing up! Use the QR code to sign up or find the direct link in your weekly email.



Advent Fair
Sunday Nov. 29
10:45a-12:30p

Join for a warm soup luncheon, crafts, and make your seasonal Advent wreath. All ages are welcome and please invite friends and neighbors. A sign up to bring soup is in the Library. If you would like to help with the soup lunch please talk to Aileen Ida aileenida@gmail.com or be connected to help organize/lead crafts please talk to Barb Sharkey.

MOVE IN BINS

THE OAKS SHELTER

When a shelter client from The Oaks moves into permanent housing, the people of Faith are there to help! Bins containing the basics needed for housekeeping are assembled and donated. The bins are greatly appreciated by all the clients!

Items needed:

NEW:
Dish soap- 32 fl oz
2 sponges
2 kitchen towels
All-purpose spray cleaner (409 or an equivalent)
Powdered, abrasive cleaner (Comet or Ajax or an equivalent)
Toilet brush
Laundry detergent (50+ loads)
Tissues-1 box
Toilet paper- 2 rolls
Paper towels-1 roll

NEW OR GENTLY USED:
1 bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth
1set of sheets-TWIN, EXTRA LONG
Plastic bin with snap close lid (at least 27 gallon)

Contact Nancy E. with questions



Donate through Nov. 29 and participate at the Advent Fair



Time & Location
Nov 22, 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary, 196th St SW, Seattle, WA

About Darkness into Light: A Meditation on Chorale Preludes of Johann Sebastian Bach
Featured Guest: Organist David Buice

Suggested Donation (at the door): $15 Adults | $10 Seniors & Students (pay as able)

Experience a transcendent musical journey tracing the soul's progression from life's shadows into everlasting light. Echoing the sacred arc of the church year—from the quiet expectation of Advent to the brilliance of Easter and Pentecost—this rich program explores longing, repentance, and hope through Bach's masterworks. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating divine radiance and eternal joy. Selections will be drawn from the Orgelbüchlein, Great Eighteen, Clavier-Übung III, and Miscellaneous Chorales.