October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

The History of Reformation Sunday

Our story begins in 1517. What follows is a very simplified explanation of complex theological, political, and economic events that all coincided. Across Europe, the Roman Catholic Church was engaged in the selling of indulgences to raise money to build Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. If a person made a payment out of contrition for their sins and as a sign of repentance, the church would furnish that person with a certificate promising that they themselves or a loved one would be freed from a portion of time in purgatory. In short, the church at that time taught that even those bound for heaven had to be cleansed of their earthly sins, and this cleansing (purging) in the afterlife took place in Purgatory. Thus, if money was given (the selling of indulgences), then there would be less time in purgatory. There were some very nuanced explanations of this practice at the time. There were also very crass explanations that amounted to people paying to be forgiven.

On Oct 31, 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther, posted a list of 95 Theses--or 95 points of objection and statements to debate--objecting to the practice of selling indulgences. It was taken down, translated into German from Latin and, with the recent invention of the printing press, was distributed for others to read. Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do or pay. Instead, we are forgiven by God through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. We live out our faith, but we do not do good acts or give money in exchange for forgiveness. We are loved and forgiven by God's grace and mercy. Every Protestant church traces their roots back to this moment in history as the start of the Reformation.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Praeludium in G Minor*, Part I GEORG BÖHM*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

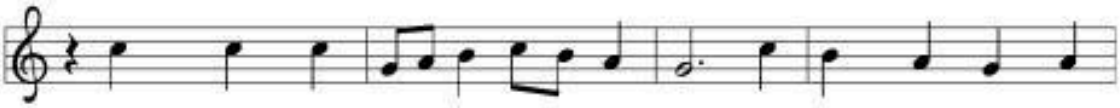
The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress
.
Because God is our refuge and strength, we can acknowledge our weakness and confess our sins before God. Because the Lord is our fortress, we know we are secure in grace and mercy.

Silence for personal confession

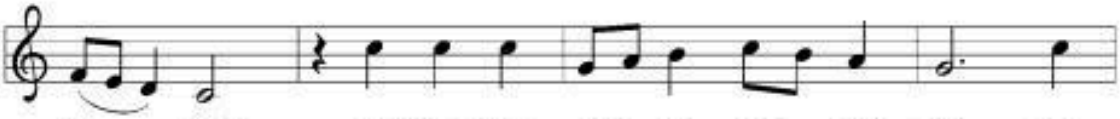
Holy and gracious God,
We confess that we are spiritually blind, for we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you this day. Some of our sins we know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—but some are known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. Open our eyes to your grace that I might walk in your ways and bring glory to your name.

Be still and know the Good News: God has not forsaken or forgotten you, but has redeemed you through the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has forgiven your sins and removed your guilt forever. You are God's own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to God's will. **Amen.**

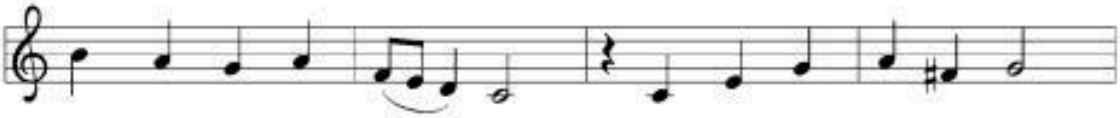
OPENING HYMN 504 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

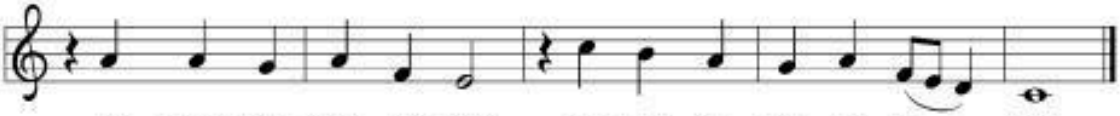


to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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
Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

ANTHEM *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* DALE WOOD+

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.
Latin Hymn, c. VII century, translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

CHILDREN'S SERMON & LWR BLESSING

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant, it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and
the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the
Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will
put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no
more.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 46
1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
11 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28
Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 John 8:31-36
Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

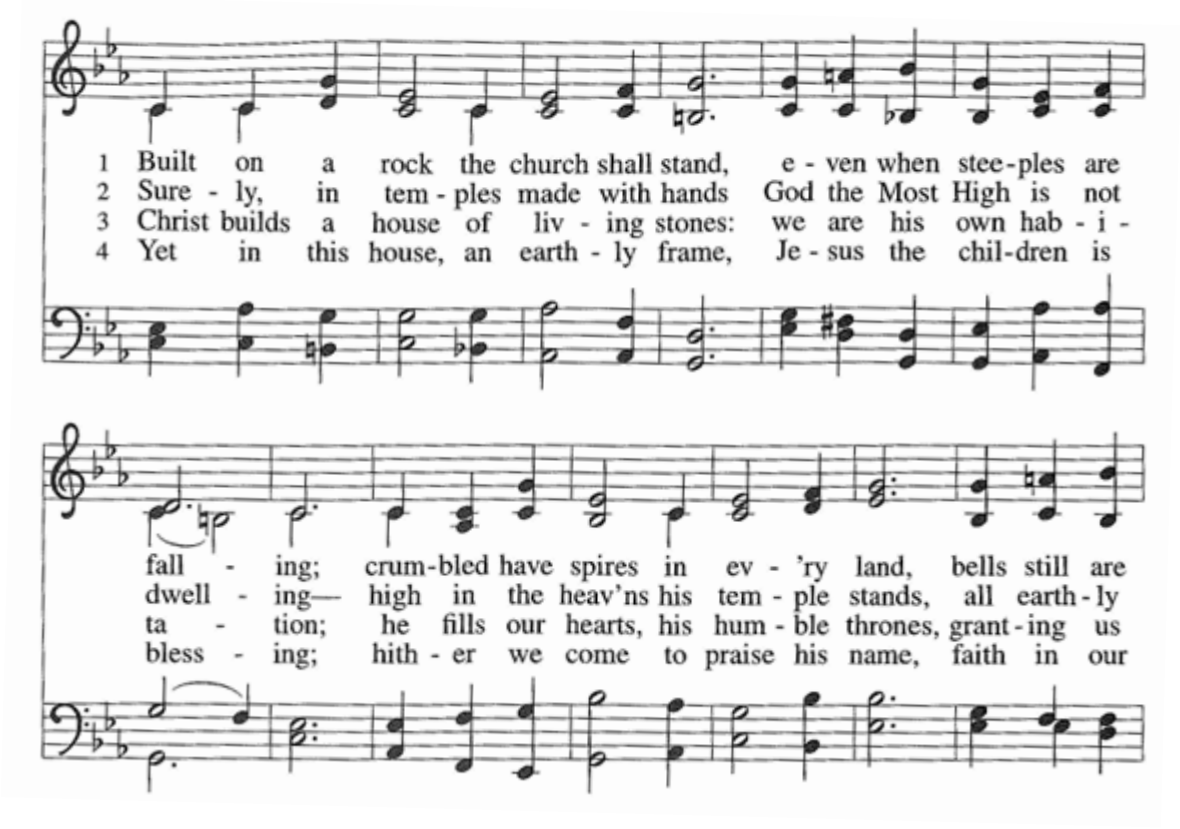
[34] Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36] So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

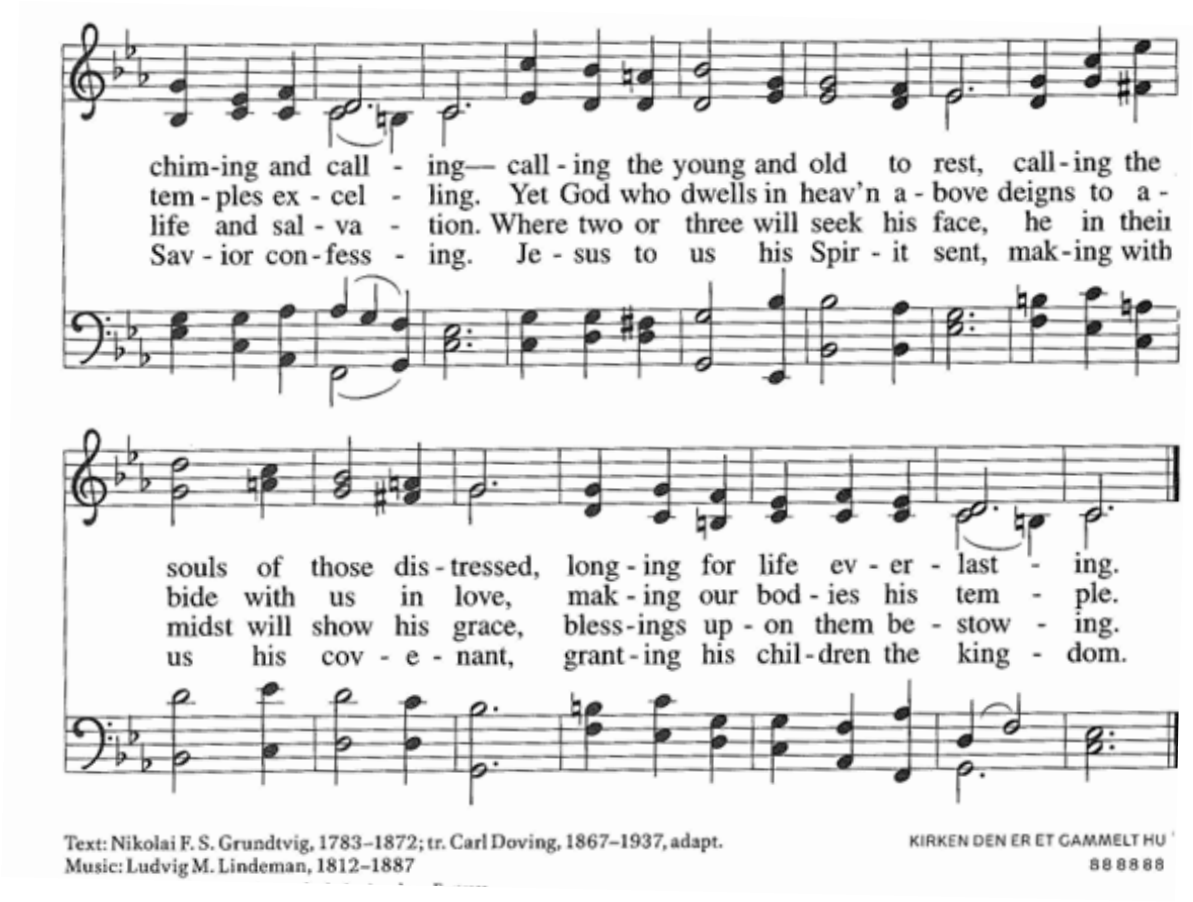
The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

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 Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 652 *Built on a Rock* KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS





PRAYERS
Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world…

…Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great…

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 *Praeludium in G Minor,* Part II GEORG BÖHM*

OFFERING PRAYER
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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.

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

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 *Praeludium in G Minor*, Part III GEORG BÖHM*

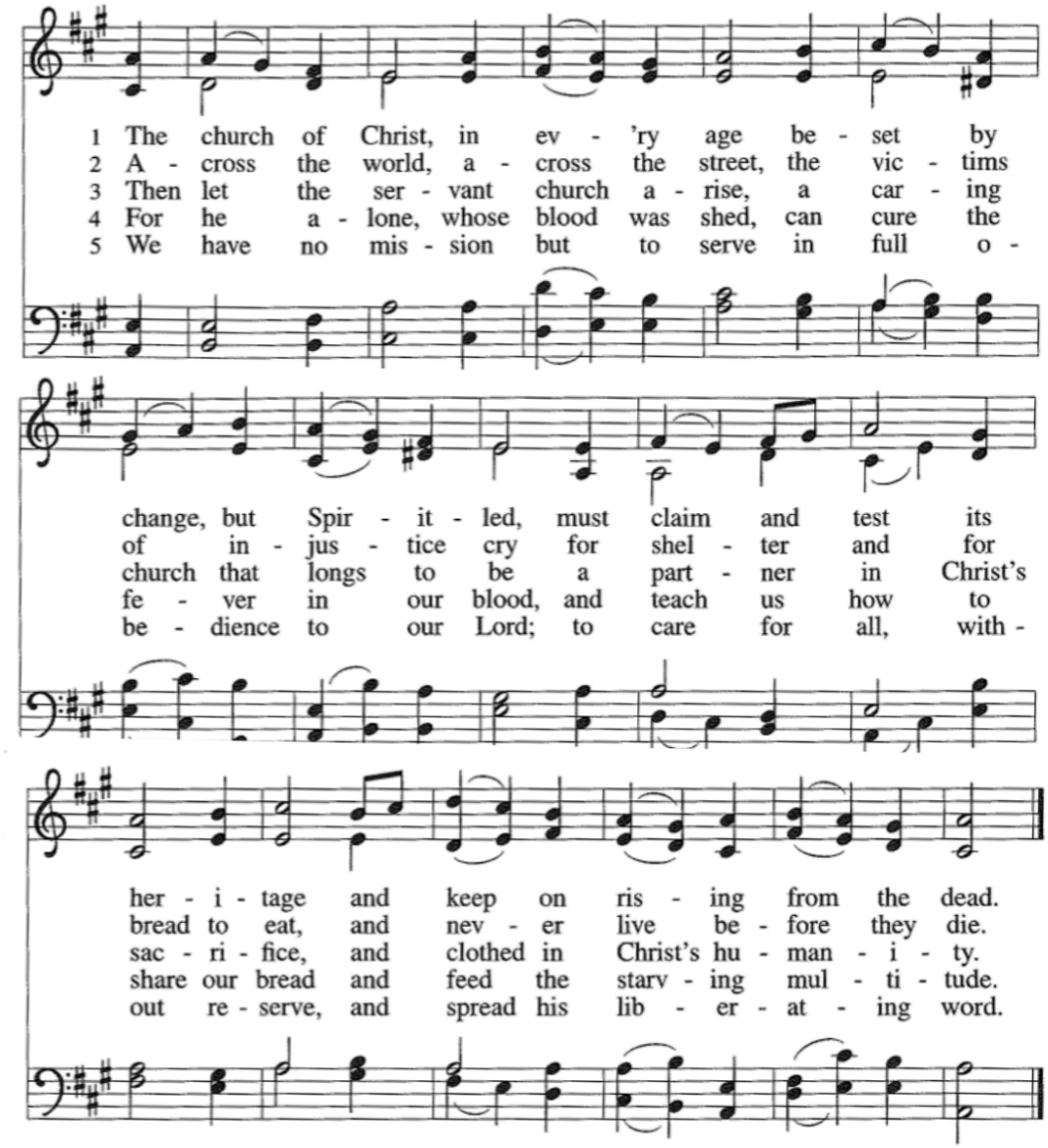
COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 729 *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* WAREHAM



BLESSING
The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the intercession of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Laud and Honor to the Father* DALE WOOD+

SENDING
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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***Worship Notes: Georg Böhm** was organist for more than thirty-five years at the *Johanniskirche* of Lüneburg, one of the several key cities – along with Lübeck, Stade, and Hamburg – where the great North German organists developed their art. Böhm's keyboard *praeludium* employs a variant of the *stylus fantasticus* formal procedure used by other brilliant composer/improvisor/performers such as Dietrich Buxtehude and Nicolaus Bruhns.

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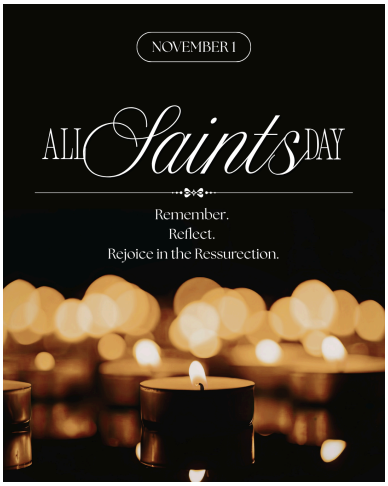
TODAY IN WORSHIP
Preaching: Deacon Liz Colver
Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Cheryl Peters
Ushers: John & Jean Bergo
Fellowship: Wally & Eileen Powelson
Altar Guild: Karren Johnson
Zoom Host: Debbie Strom
Tech Host: Mark Strom

NEXT WEEK (Nov. 1)
Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Multiple Voices
Ushers: Claire & Mikel Davies
Fellowship: Debbie & Mark Strom
Altar Guild: Marilyn Anderson
Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter
Tech Host: Rick Brandstetter



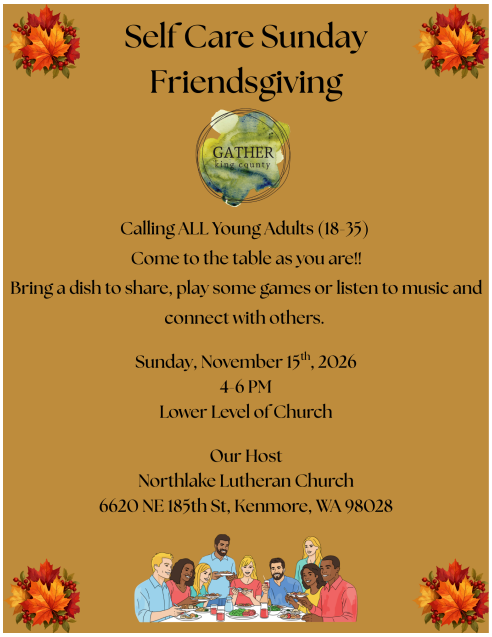
All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1
Remember,
Reflect.
Rejoice in the Resurrection.

On All Saints Day we will have a special worship service where we remember the saints among us and the saints who have gone before us. There will be an option to light candles for those you remember and hold dear to you. If you would like a name of a beloved spoken out loud during the prayers, please email office@faithseattle.org by **October 28**.

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 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.

Thank you for the donations for Lutheran World Relief quilts and school kits. Whether you make Lutheran World Relief School Quilts and Kits as an individual or congregation, each quilt and kit you make will be cherished by the person who receives it. Thank you for joining our LWR Quilters and Kit-Makers who share fellowship around the world with others who are putting their faith into action.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

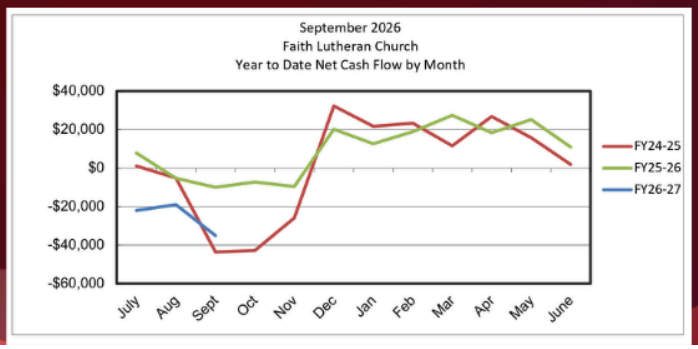
Advent Devotional

It may seem early, but you are invited to consider offering a devotional piece that will be sent out via email and posted to social media daily during the season of Advent.

This year we are inviting you to either **write**, share a piece of **art**, **music**, or **sacred text** that speaks to the season.

A daily scripture from the book of Psalms will be provided. We will pray our way through the Psalms as we are curious (wonder) what God is up to in our midst and listen (wait) for clarity and guidance.

More information, examples, and sign ups will be coming soon, but start thinking about your offering to this shared ministry opportunity.

All ministries of Faith Lutheran Church run on donations.
Thank you for whatever you have to share!
Scan the QR code to make a donation.

To ensure everyone is aware of our finances we are sharing this chart to clearly show where we stand. We are only three months into our Fiscal Year, and following similar trends as previous years, we wish to remind everyone that we still need a year end bump in giving to balance our budget.