

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

Welcome to Worship

Faith Lutheran Church is an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life.

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 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!



GATHERING _____

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Toccata in E Minor

JOHANN PACHELBEL*

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.
- C: Amen.

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

Have mercy, O God,

- C: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.
- P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
- C: Blessed be God forever.



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GREETING

P: Christ has called us to this place, gathered one and all by his Holy Spirit.

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

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal light,

shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

MARTIN LUTHER, ARR. KYLE PEDERSON*

A Mighty Fortress is our God, a refuge never failing. Our helper he amid the flood of mortal winds prevailing. For still our spirit's foes doth seek to work us woe; They lure with pow'r so great, with judgment and with hate; Shield us e'er, guard us as Thy own. If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus it is he. Emmanuel his name, from age to age the same; Who was, who is, who e'er shall be.

Thy word above all earthly pow'r; thy Love above all earthly pow'r; Thy Hope above all earthly pow'r; my God above all earthly pow'r. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still. The Kingdom is forever. ~ Martin Luther, adapted by Kyle Pederson+

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;the God of Jacob is our refuge.R: Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The holy gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

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

R: The gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

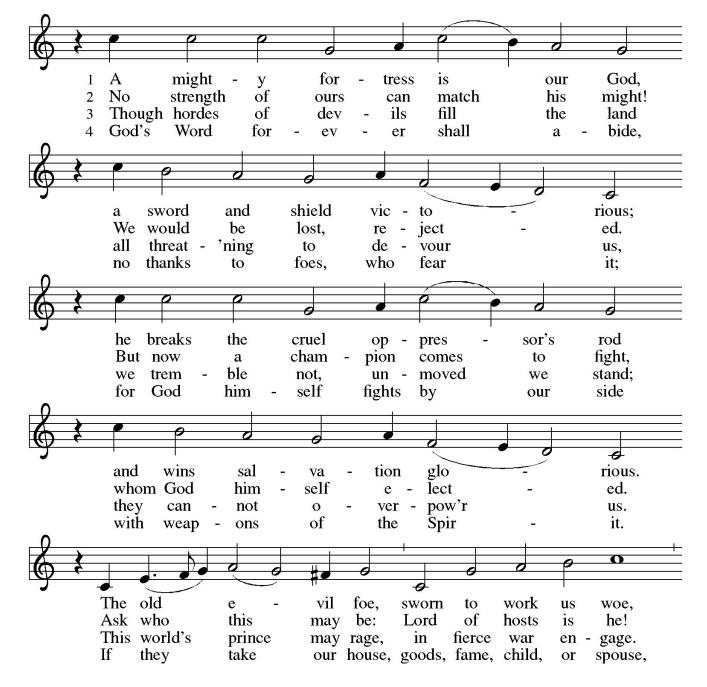
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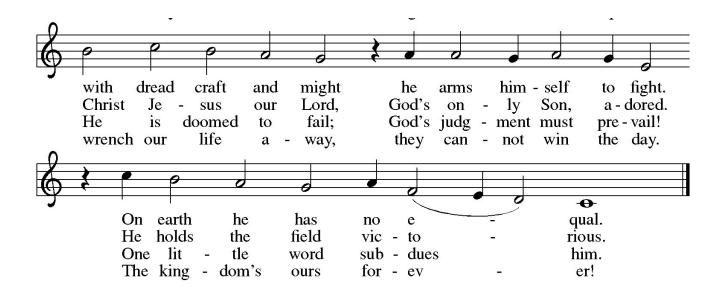
HYMN OF THE DAY 503

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

PASTOR MARY LINDBERG





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PRAYERS

- R: ...Hear us O God,
- C: Your mercy is great.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- P: Peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with God's peace.

OFFERING

Many people choose to do online or automatic giving. During this time of offering you are encouraged to pray over the many types of gifts you steward of time, talent, and treasures.

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

JOHANN PACHELBEL*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God,

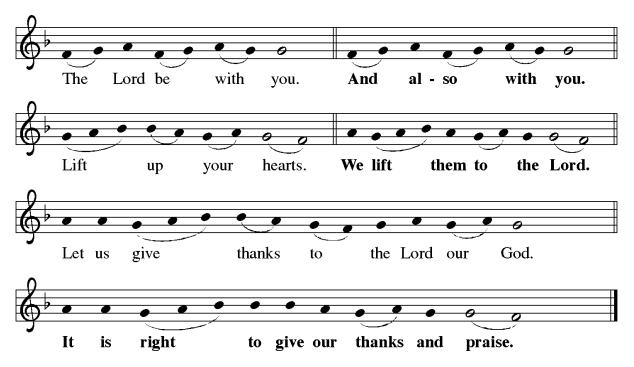
source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

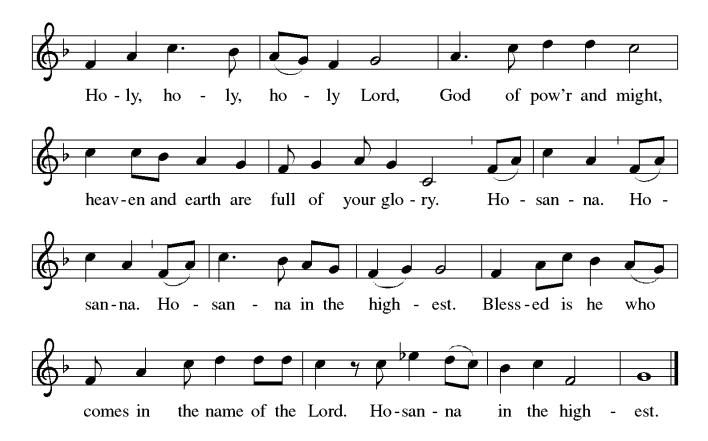
As we gather for communion, you are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. You will receive the bread (host) and the wine or grape juice. Gluten free options are available. If you are communing from another location, we trust that Christ is present through the Holy Spirit 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.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

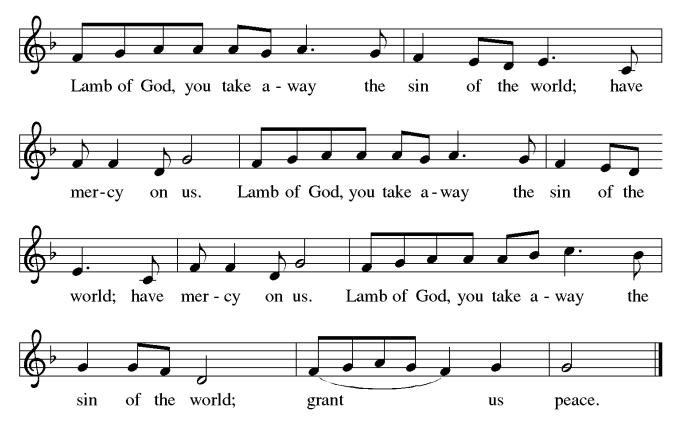
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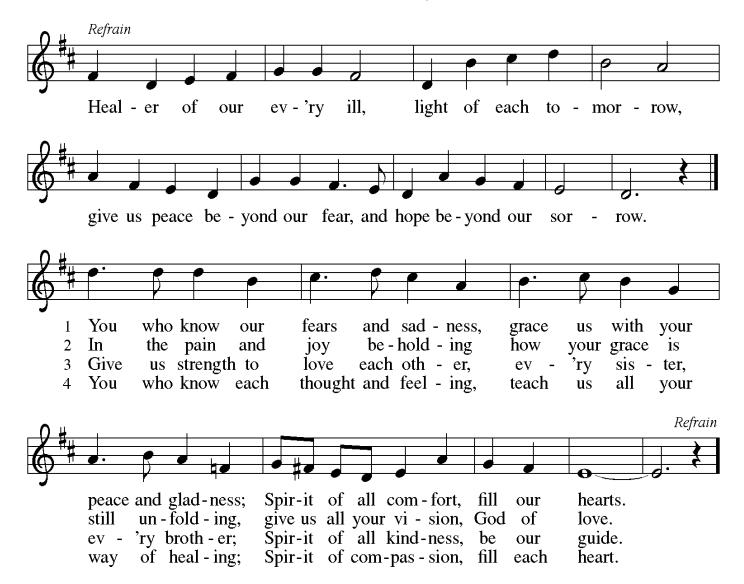
- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come, for all is ready; all are welcome to this table of grace and forgiveness. If you are communing from another location, hear these words spoken for you: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

LAMB OF GOD





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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Above All Earthly Power

KYLE PEDERSON+

SENDING

P:

- P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C: Thanks be to God!

FINANCIAL UPDATE



We encourage everyone to take a look at our latest Financial Report as there has been a significant shift in our financial position.

Our finances had been following a usual pattern with a summer low. Unfortunately, due to the unexpectedly large expense for the repair of the office wall (45K) we have experienced a sharp downturn in September.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> or use the QR code to see the September Financial Report.





IT'S EASY TO GIVE at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1. Open the camera on your phone.
- 2. Point it at the QR code.
- 3. Touch the yellow 'myvanco.com' button.
- 4. This takes you to our giving page. Choose which fund and fill out the rest.



Next Sunday:

Psalm 24 John 11:32-44 Pastor Mary Lindberg

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Mary Lindberg Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir Reader: Julie Pierce Ushers: Jim and Holly Johnson Zoom Host: Ruth Foster-Koth Video Tech: David Kerriush Altar Guild: Karren Johnson Fellowship: Barb and Rick Friedhoff



NOVEMBER Sign Up

Reader/Usher/Fellowship

***WORSHIP NOTES: Johann Pachelbel**, creator of the famous *Canon in D*, wrote many hymn tune settings for organ or other keyboard. Pachelbel's relatively placid setting of **A Mighty Fortress** serves as a relaxing counterbalance at the Offering, to the congregational Hymn of the Day, and to the composer's more lively **Toccata in E Minor** that serves as this morning's Call to Worship.

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ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

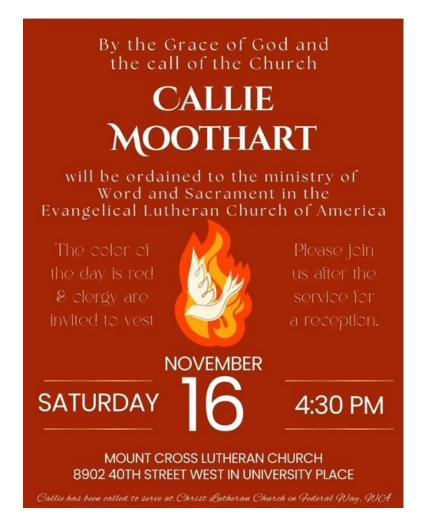
We will be putting together a daily Advent Devotional as we have in years past. Please consider being part of this special Advent offering. You will be asked to choose a scripture from a specific list and write a short reflection & prayer (approx. 300 words)

Deadline to submit is Nov 11.

The devotional will be available in hardcopy and as a pdf on the website on Sunday, Nov. 24 and if you get the weekly email, you will receive a daily reflection in your inbox starting on Sunday, Dec.1.

A link to the scripture passages can be found in the weekly email, by using the QR code here or on the QR board in the narthex, or contact Misi in the office if you want them sent to you via email.





ZOOM ACTIVITIES: To take part, click on an event below at the designated time.

Monday - Friday: 7:00a 10 min. Morning Devotions

Mondays: <u>7:00p Adult Education</u> Nov 4 & 11 <u>7:00p What's Next</u> (4th Monday)

Tuesdays: <u>9:45a Yoga</u>

Wednesdays: <u>10:00a FLC Bible Study</u> <u>5:30p Yoga</u> <u>7:00p Synod-Wide Bible Study</u>

Thursdays: 12:00p Ruth Circle (3rd Thurs)

Fridays: <u>11:00a Coffee Fellowship</u>

Middle and High School Youth

The next SKY activity will be Sunday, Dec 1.

We'll leave Faith at 5:30pm and return about 8:30pm.

Hope to see you there!



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