



March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Peter's Denial

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

Throughout Lent we are treated to hearing the passion narrative over a number of weeks. It allows us to delve into each part, rather than skimming through the less desirable stories that cause discomfort. We see ourselves in the midst of these stories and likely have acts as Peter at times in our lives, denying Jesus. It is part of our confession--the things we have done, the things we have not done, and the things we don't even know we have done. Peter shows us that fear impacts us and makes us react in ways of which we are not always proud. It also displays the forgiveness of Jesus and how we are given another opportunity to live and preach the gospel.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Moderato in A Major

FELIX MENDELSSOHN*

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 671

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



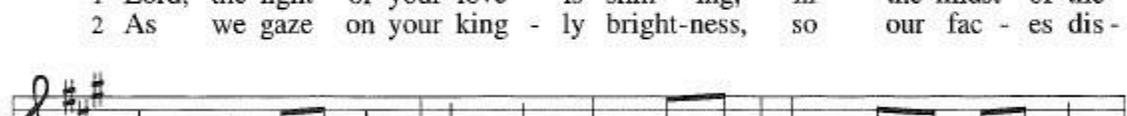
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



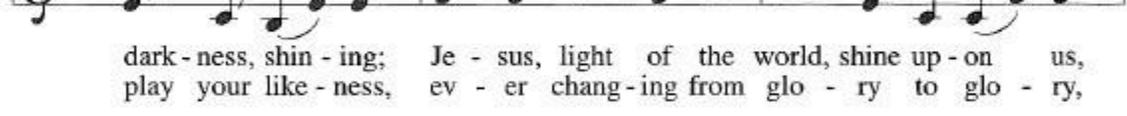
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



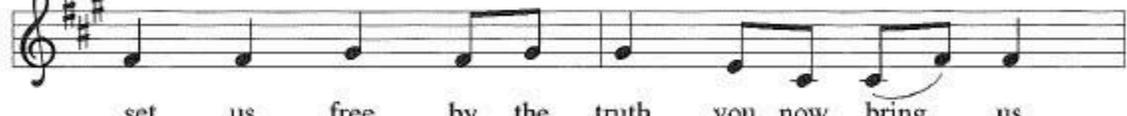
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



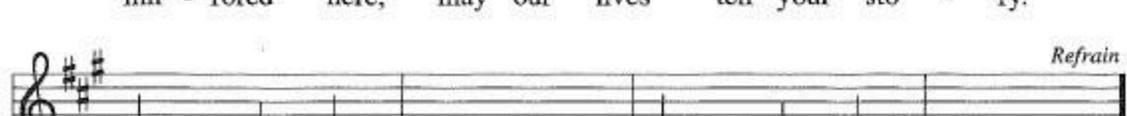
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



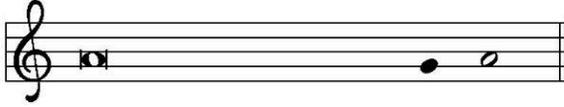
Shine on on me, shine on on me:
Shine on on me, shine on on me:

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.



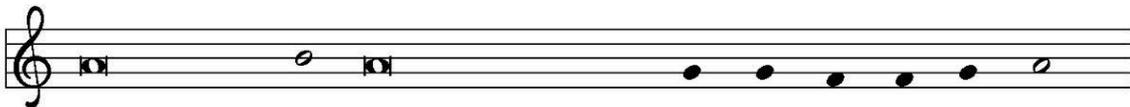
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



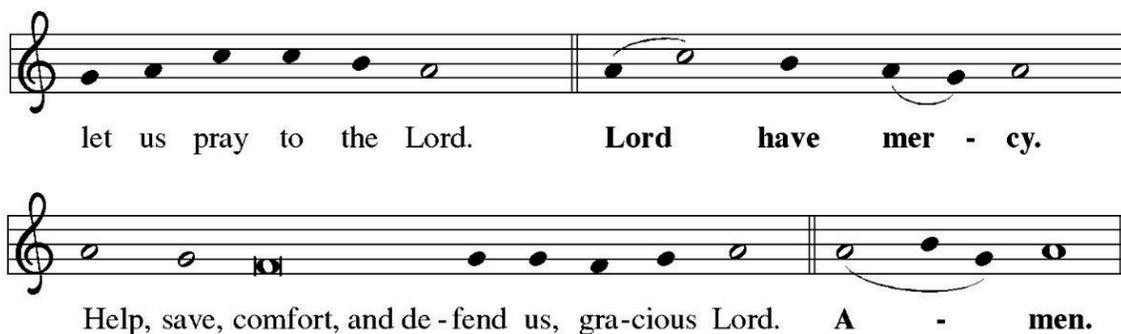
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

Merciful God, we, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. You provide for us the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

SOUTHERN FOLK HYMN
 ARR. PAUL CHRISTIANSEN+

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
 That caused the Lord of Life to bear the heavy cross,
 That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul!*
 ~ Southern Harmony, 1835

CHILDREN'S SERMON

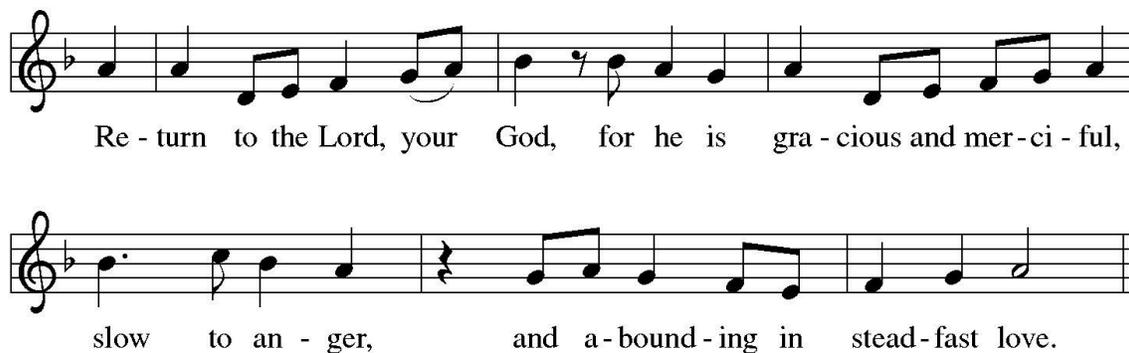
READING Psalm 17:1-7

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
 give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
 From you let my vindication come;
 let your eyes see the right.
 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
 if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
 my mouth does not transgress.
 As for what others do, by the word of your lips
 I have avoided the ways of the violent.
 My steps have held fast to your paths;
 my feet have not slipped.
 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
 incline your ear to me; hear my words.
 Wondrously show your steadfast love,
 O savior of those who seek refuge
 from their adversaries at your right hand.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL John 18:12-27

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

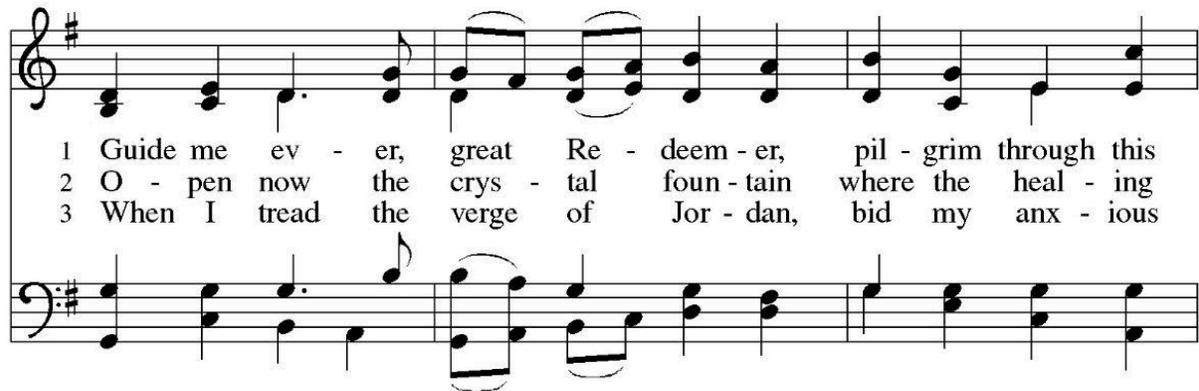
Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

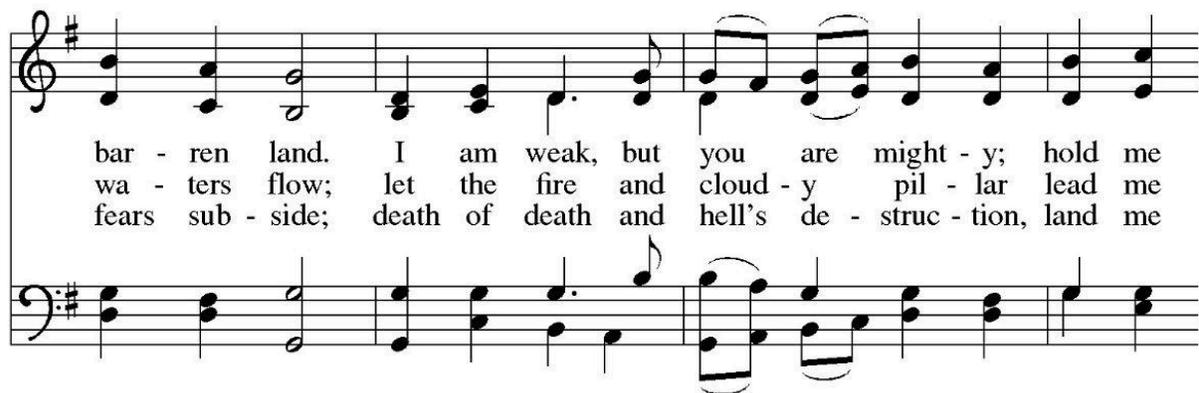
Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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

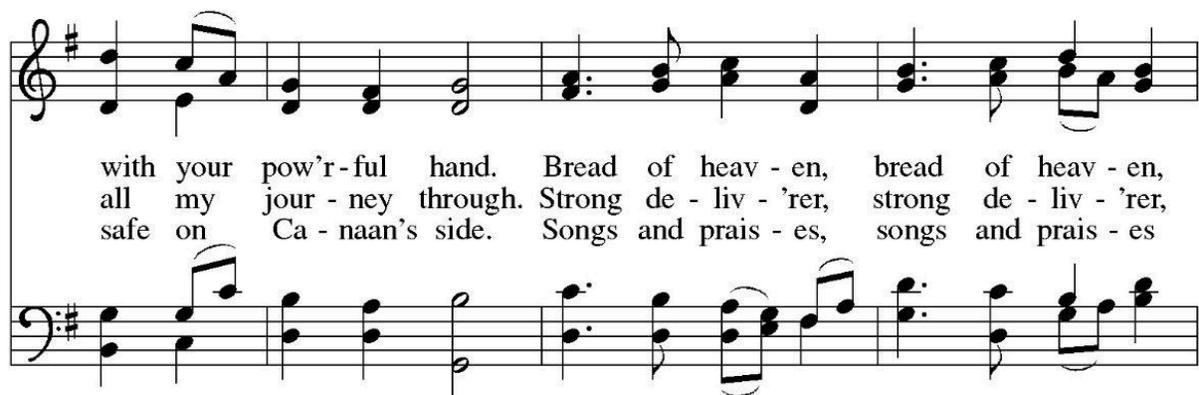
SERMON



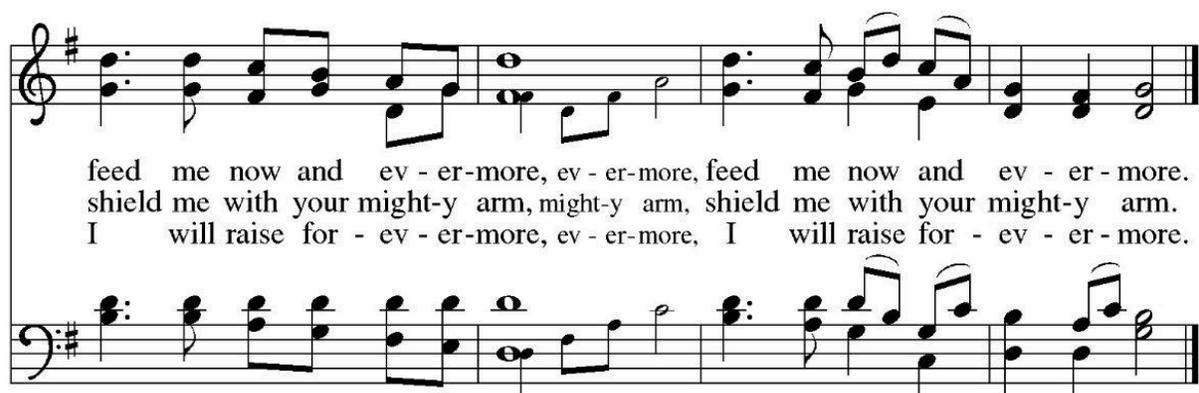
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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

Adagio Cantabile in D-flat Major

FRANZ LISZT*

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.

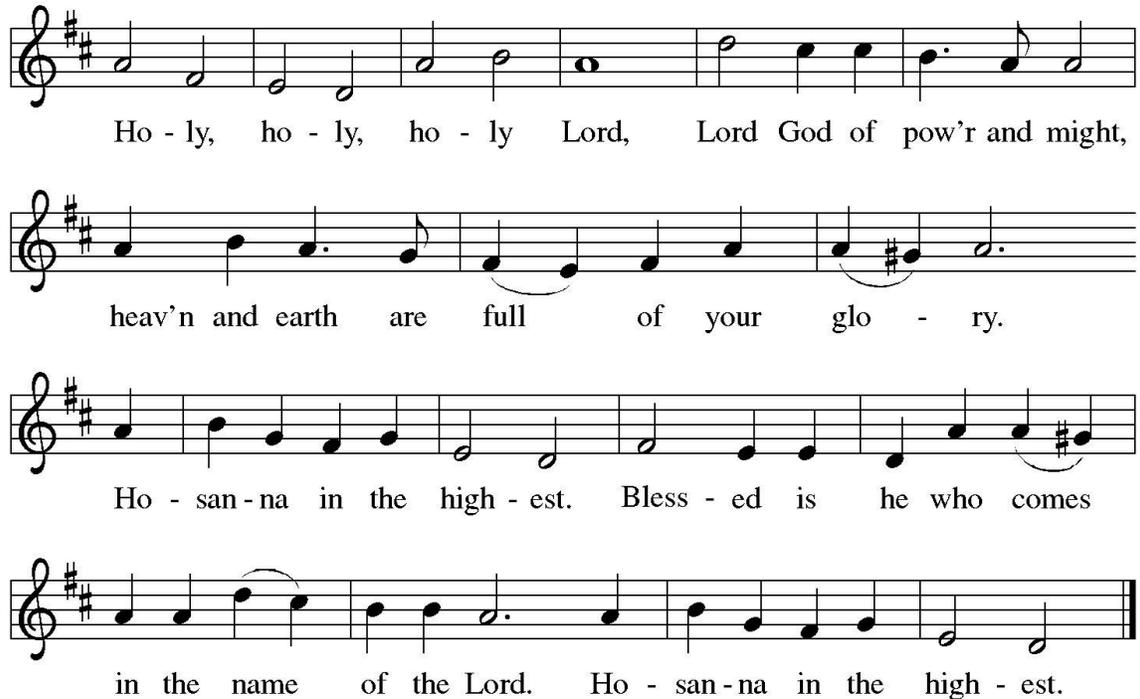
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 663

Spread, Oh, Spread Almighty Word

GOTT SEI DANK

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

BLESSING

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind you to encourage you.
Beside you to befriend you,
Above you to watch over,
Within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son +, and Spirit.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Wondrous Love

PAUL CHRISTIANSEN+

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
Thanks be to God!

+ + +

***WORSHIP NOTES:** The Call to Worship is from the first book of **Felix Mendelssohn's** *Songs Without Words*. Written during 1829 and 1830, Volume One was published in London in 1832 as *Original Melodies for the Pianoforte*. The title *Song Without Words* seems to have been Mendelssohn's own invention, and he resisted attempts by others to interpret the *Songs* too literally, writing "What the music I love expresses to me, is not thought too *indefinite* to put into words, but on the contrary, too *definite*."

CWM RHONDDA, the Welsh name for the Rhondda Valley, is a popular hymn tune written by John Hughes (1873–1932), first performed in 1907. The hymn text evolved and shortened over time from an original version, written in 1745, with five verses. The hymn describes the experience of the Children of Israel in their travels through the wilderness after their escape from slavery in Egypt, being guided by a cloud by day and a fire by night, to their final arrival forty years later in the land of Canaan. The text is an allegory for the journey of the Christian through earthly life. Apart from church use, the hymn's best known use is as the "Welsh Rugby Hymn," often sung by the crowd at rugby matches.

This morning's Offertory is **Franz Liszt's** fourth *Consolation* for solo piano. Contrasting with the many flamboyant piano works by Liszt, the *Consolations*, composed and published in the mid-nineteenth century, are closer in spirit to Chopin's nocturnes, the fourth *Consolation* featuring a particularly devotional quality.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Karla Petersen
Ushers: Dallas & Carl Presley
Fellowship: Charmaine Haaland & Ellen Aagaard
Altar Guild: Karren Johnson
Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter
Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter

NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 145:10-13
John 18:28-40



Brahms *Ein deutsches Requiem* Community Sing & Fundraiser

Join the **Seattle Bach Choir** for a read-through of **Johannes Brahms's *Ein deutsches Requiem***, conducted by **Artistic Director Dan Mahraun** and accompanied by pianists **Rey Chen** and **Al Berg**.

This Lenten-season event is a **fundraiser for the Seattle Bach Choir**. At approximately **70 minutes**, *Ein deutsches Requiem* is Brahms's largest work. We will use the **piano four-hands version**, first performed at the **1871 London premiere**, and long favored for both public and private performances.

The venue is Faith Lutheran Church, longtime musical home of the late Nan Beth Walton, former Director of Music at the church and a leader of the Seattle Bach Choir. The church now features a **9-foot Grotrian-Steinweg concert grand piano**, an instrument ideally suited to this music.

THE LIVE PROJECT



Lenten Course - Mystics and Mysticism: Practicing Faith in the Wilderness:

Thursdays 7-8:30pm - Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

This 6-part Lenten course journeys with a variety of Christian mystics who encountered God in the depths of solitude, silence, and struggle. Through Scripture, contemplative practices, and the voices of mystics across time, participants will engage the wilderness as a sacred space for transformation and deeper trust in God. This journey invites leaders to discover how mystical wisdom can shape faithful living in uncertain times.

To register click on the link in the weekly email or scan QR code below. Use Faith's coupon code **LIVE2025** for free registration.



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



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and in the world. Thank you.

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