



April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Paul and Silas

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.

WELCOME

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 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 is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Song of Confidence

JOHANN KUHNAU*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism...

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

Jesus Christ,
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN 211

You Have Put On Christ

HOWARD HUGHES

(SING THREE TIMES: ONCE IN UNISON, THEN TWICE IN CANON - CHOOSE YOUR ENTRY POINT!)

1* 2 3

You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* May be sung in two or three part canon.

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.

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

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

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all... (Refrain)*

*Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)*

Congregation: Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Angels Rolled the Stone Away

EASTER SPIRITUAL
ARR. JESTER HAIRSTON+

Oh, the angels rolled the stone away.

'Twas on that Easter Sunday morning that the angels rolled the stone away.

*Sister Mary, she came runnin' just about the break of day;
She was bringin' news from heaven that the angels rolled the stone away.*

*Said the angel, "He is not here; he is risen as he said,
Why seek ye the living way down here among the dead."*

*Jesus said, "Touch me not, Mary, but go on ahead of me,
Go and tell all my disciples to meet me in Galilee."*

*Brother Thomas, he came runnin', and his eyes were open wide,
Jesus said, "Man, if you doubt me, come put your hand right in my side."*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING Acts 16:16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARTY HAUGEN

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

GOSPEL Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

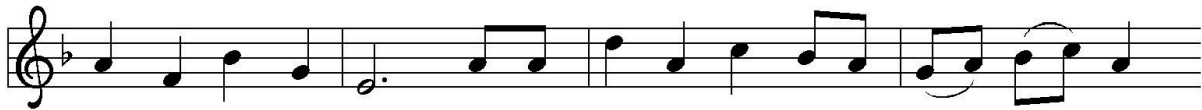
“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

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

SERMON



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
 2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
 3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
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 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
 who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
 who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer...

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Dance of Resurrection

JOHANN KUHNAU*

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, 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.

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

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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.

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.

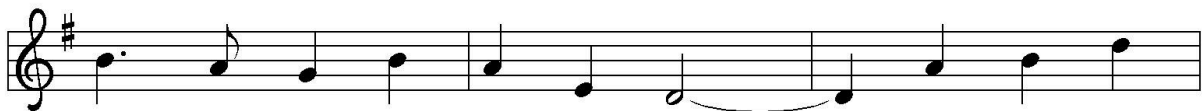
SENDING HYMN 851

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go now as Easter people, ambassadors of Christ's kingdom of forgiveness, healing and hope, and witnesses of what we know to be true. May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *'Twas on that Easter Sunday Morning* JESTER HAIRSTON+

SENDING

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** The Call to Worship and Offertory by **Johann Kuhnau** celebrate, respectively, the believer's confidence in God, and the exuberant celebration of resurrection, while momentarily – in the Offertory – looking back on the harrowing past; each time the jubilation returns, Kuhnau indicates with a note in the score that past troubles are "now forgotten".

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst, Kea Manahan, Children's Sermon

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Karla Petersen

Ushers: Jean & John Bergo

Fellowship: Debbie & Mark Strom

Altar Guild: Aileen Ida

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Carl Presley

NEXT WEEK:

Acts 17:16-31

John 1:16-18



May 17 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 17th following worship. The congregation will vote to:

- Approve the budget
- New council members
- Nominating committee
- Five mission partners that will receive stewardship funding
- Share current updates for the congregation

If you have suggestions for the mission partners, please submit a suggestion with a few sentences describing the non-profit. (Example: Elizabeth Gregory House, University District Food Bank, etc.)

Quilt & Baby Kit Blessing



P: Gracious God, as we place our hands on these Quilts & Baby Kits we join the giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

C: We celebrate being the children of God.

P: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts & Baby Kits donations of baby items, fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabric, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, provide publicity, donate boxes, pack the Quilts & Kits. Bring food to sustain the quilters and contribute money for shipping these Quilts.

C: We celebrate generosity.

P: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the Quilts & Kits, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy and heart for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

C: We celebrate community.

P: We send these Quilts & Kits as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that these items will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

C: We celebrate love.

We pray that these Quilts & Kits will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongings. We pray the baby items may provide care, prevention from illness, and support for new life.

C: We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

P: We remember those who have received our Quilts & Kits in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

C: We celebrate the gift of life.

P: We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief and the church, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen





— Presented in collaboration with Faith Lutheran Church —

SALISH SEA

— EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026 —



TELEMANN PARIS QUARTETS

Susie Napper ~ *viola da gamba* + Elisabeth Wright ~ *harpsichord*
David Greenberg ~ *baroque violin* + Jeffrey Cohan ~ *baroque flute*

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM

✦ Faith Lutheran Church ✦

✦ 8208 18th Ave NE in Seattle ✦

\$20 to \$30 suggested donation/a free will offering. all are welcome ✦ youth 18 and under always free

✦ www.salishseafestival.org/seattle ✦





University District Food Bank

FAITH VOLUNTEER DAY!

All ages are invited to help at the University District Food Bank. We will be volunteering when the food bank is closed to the public and while we are prepping for our home delivery programs to serve those that are homebound. Task may include, boxing up food, sorting donations, stocking shelves and other tasks that will help the food bank get ready to open the following week. We have **12 volunteer spots** available. Scan QR code below or click link in weekly email to sign up!

SAT MAY 2 | 11 AM - 2 PM
5017 ROOSEVELT WAY NE,
SEATTLE, WA 98105





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

DONATE ONLINE

It's easy.

Scan the QR code below to give via Vanco.





Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive

Join us for the Faith Lutheran Church blood drive on Wednesday, May 6. Appointments are available between 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Imagine the warm Hawaiian sand between your toes as a thank you for saving lives in the Pacific Northwest! In gratitude for your blood donation in May, you can enter to win roundtrip airfare for two plus a 3-night stay in a lush ocean-view room at Oahu's beautiful Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort. Your donation makes a real impact in our local hospitals and could turn into the getaway of your dreams.

Schedule your appointment today by clicking link in the weekly email or scanning the QR code below:

SCAN QR CODE



NW Washington Synod Gathering

**Life in God's Garden:
Seeds of Generosity**

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm



Worship
Workshops
Rev. Tim Brown, Keynote
Lunch included
\$40/person

at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood
& Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

lutheransnw.org/events

NW Washington Synod Gathering

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm

Please join us for this full day to celebrate, learn, and connect around the theme of generosity. This is generosity rooted in God's abundant love for creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, and money. Generosity of our hearts.

We will be gathering at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood AND the new Lynnwood Neighborhood Center**. We will center our time in worship at 9am with song, communion, preaching by Bishop Shelley, and gratitude and blessing for our Synod VP Kay Edgerton who will be concluding her term this summer.

We will welcome our keynote presenter, Rev. Tim Brown, ELCA director for congregational stewardship. Following

lunch, there will be 2 afternoon workshop times - with a total of 22 options from local leaders (**including Pastor Shanny!**) As we prepare to close the day, we will re-gather for a sending service - including time to install our newly elected synod council officers and members.

All are welcome to register - lay members and rostered leaders. There are so many wonderful workshop options, you will want to bring a group from your ministry site to capture as many of the offerings as you can!

Cost will be \$40/person - includes program and lunch.

To REGISTER & read about the workshop options click on link in weekly email or scan QR code below. During registration, you will be asked to select your workshops (and your lunch.) Registration will close at 12noon on Monday, May 18.

*Register
Now*

