



July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost
Fruit of the Spirit: love

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!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Variations on a Dutch Folksong, Part I*

SAMUEL SCHEIDT*

The Spirit of God is upon us.
We are called to be God's people.
The Spirit of God is upon us.
We are called to be the body of Christ.
Come let us worship God,
who binds us together in love and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Brief silence

God of all mercy,
We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ; strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



OPENING HYMN 530 *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

TOKYO



Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,
 1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
 3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease.
 4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death - less love;



Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,
 look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
 yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
 Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
 help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove



Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me a te to shi,
 As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
 E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
 truth and cour - age, faith and pow'r, need - ed in our strife:



Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi yu - kan.
 Je - sus, sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
 Je - sus, mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

Text: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1900–1995; tr. Everett M. Stowe
 Music: Japanese Gagaku mode; Isao Koizumi, 1907–1992

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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

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING Galatians 5:13-14, 22b-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters and siblings, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

...(T)he fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 5:43-48 (CEB Translation)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your God who is in heaven. God makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your sisters and siblings and brothers, what more are you doing? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Maker is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from A New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

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

Variations on a Dutch Folksong, Part II

SAMUEL SCHEIDT*

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
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.

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 glory and honor, now and forever.

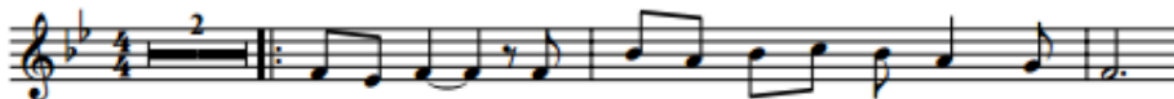
Amen.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD



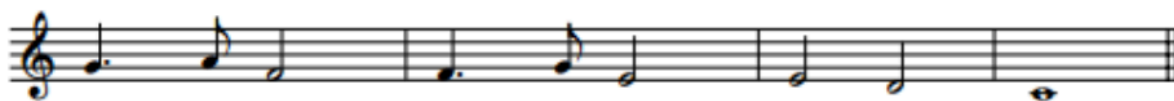
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Text: ICET; additional text by Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.
Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

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

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat, and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

BLESSING

Now may you dig through the ashes of life and emerge with something beautiful. May you become love and possess the courage to receive it. May you hold and be held, allowing the vulnerable places in you to find company for the journey. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier.

Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Variations on a Dutch Folksong, Part III* SAMUEL SCHEIDT*

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** This morning's organ voluntaries are taken from a set of variations on a Dutch folksong by **Samuel Scheidt**, the most notable student of the great Jan Sweelinck of Amsterdam. The variations showcase the organ's reed stops – Vox Humana, Clarinet (accompanied by the Zimbelstern, a circle of bells struck by clappers spun by a centrifuge), Oboe/Bassoon, and Trumpet – in solo and ensemble registrations.

Sundays and Seasons (liturgical elements from Augsburg Fortress)

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver

Music: David Buice

Reader: Kea Manahan

Ushers: Eileen & Wally Powelson

Fellowship: Mary & Ralph Minor

Altar Guild: Barb Friedhoff

Zoom Host: Debbie Strom

Tech Operator: Mark Strom

NEXT WEEK:

Galatians 5:13-14, 22b-25

John 16:16-24

Summer Office Updates

Our summer office hours are **Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**. Emily, our Office Manager, is always available by phone at (206) 317-4631 and email at office@faithseattle.org during the workday.

Emily will be at the church with the office open **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**. We'd love to see you, stop in and say hello! Please note that the office is closed on Fridays.

Please keep an eye on your weekly email and church bulletin for office updates and other important communications.



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