

LET MUTUAL LOVE CONTINUE. DO NOT
NEGLECT TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO
STRANGERS, FOR BY DOING THAT SOME HAVE
ENTERTAINED ANGELS WITHOUT KNOWING IT.
HEBREWS 13:1-2



August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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 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!

INTRODUCTION

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gaillarde in A Minor

JEAN-HENRI D'ANGLEBERT*

INVOCATION

(Ps. 81:1)

Sing aloud to God our strength. Shout for joy to the Lord of Life. Blessed be the one, holy and living God. Glory to God forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Heb.13:6)

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Heb. 13:2; Luke 14:11)

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,

yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers

and turn away from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves

and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God,

and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Heb. 13:5 & Ps. 112:7b)

Beloved, your sins are forgiven; for God promises to never leave us. Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord. **Amen.**



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
 2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16 & Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your word is a light in darkness and a source of blessing. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us; enliven our hearts and minds as we hear your word for us today; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble, what your eyes have seen.

Word of God, word of freedom

Praise be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Word made flesh dwells among us.

Full of grace and truth.

SERMON



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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 power of the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 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**

PRAYERS

(Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:10-13, Heb. 13:1)

A time of silence may be kept after each intercession.]

Loving God, you call us to turn to you in prayer for the sake of the world.

We pray for the mission of your church: may it continue in mutual love to the glory of your name.

We pray for a world in need of your counsel: guide the nations into paths of justice and peace.

We pray for all who suffer: may they know the healing power of your presence.

We pray for your creation as it longs for its redemption: teach us to walk as faithful stewards.

We pray for the dying and those who have died: may they rest in your eternal glory.

We pray this all in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

OFFERING

(Heb. 13:6)

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY

Chaconne in C Major

ENNEMOND GAUTIER*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Heb. 13:8, 15)

Faithful God, you bless us in Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And so we praise you with lips that confess his name and ask your blessing on these gifts for the life of the world. **Amen**

COMMUNION

As we gather for communion, all 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 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.

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.

Let us pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN 716

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

BEATUS VIR

SING VERSES 1 & 3-5



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561

BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all, this day and forevermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Chaconne in F Major

LOUIS COUPERIN*

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** **Jean-Henri d'Anglebert** succeeded his teacher Jacques Champion de Chambonnières as main harpsichordist to King Louis XIV. Perhaps the most sophisticated of the French *clavecinistes*, d'Anglebert's original music, arrangements and transcriptions are filled with ornamentation, both conventional and innovative.

Ennemond Gautier (c. 1575 – 1651) was a French lutenist and composer. He is considered one of the great masters of the 17th century French lutenist school. His *chaconne* heard this morning was transcribed for keyboard by Jean-Henri d'Anglebert.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice

Reader: Lynn Krog

Ushers: Karen McElhinney & Eileen Powelson

Fellowship: Barb & Rick Friedhoff

Altar Guild: Barb Friedhoff

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Wally Powelson

NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 1:1-2; 4a

John 1:1-5

Questions for Reflection

Where do you experience mutual love in your life? Is there someone you disdain? How might you show love for that person in thought, word, or deed?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, if the beginning of sin is pride, then let me walk in your ways and to your glory this day, rather than to my own. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, you are my helper; therefore I will not be afraid, for you are ever with me. Amen.

God's Li'l Acre Winter Shelter At Faith Lutheran Church

**Congregational Advisory Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 14, following worship**

Faith has been asked to host an overnight shelter this winter, in cooperation with God's Li'l Acre, the Lake City Partners day shelter in Lake City. This would be primarily a sleeping place, not a dinner shelter.

Sleeping space would be provided for 24 guests, who would be known, registered clients of God's Li'l Acre. This would NOT be a low-barrier, emergency shelter, but rather a sustained, winter-long commitment to people who are on the path to permanent shelter/housing.

Faith has been asked to host the shelter throughout the winter—from Mid-November through Mid-March. Lake City Partners would “rent” the space—giving Faith adequate payment to cover all heating and utility costs. Lake City Partners would also provide all staff. Guests would be in the building from 8 pm until 6:30 am, with custodial staff cleaning the space and grounds before 8 am, so that existing Faith tenants would be well accommodated.

Faith and other churches would still have opportunity, perhaps once a week, to prepare a meal for the guests.

Please come, learn more, and participate in this congregational advisory meeting on **Sunday September 14, following worship.**

With Thanks,
The Community Outreach Committee

SHELTER LUNCH BUNCH

Friday September 12th at 9:30 - 11am

Saturday October 4th at 9:30 - 11am

Saturday November 1st at 9:30 - 11am

Do you like to chat while doing easy tasks to help others? Yes? Then please sign up for a session with the "Shelter Lunch Bunch"! Since last September, a rotating group of Faith members and friends have gathered once a month to make 40 sack lunches for The Oaks, the enhanced shelter in Shoreline run by Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness. We build the lunches in Faith's kitchen and the supplies are provided. Although it only takes ~6 volunteers to complete the tasks, we have had 32 different people help out over the past 10 months. We are always happy to have new folks try it, too! Please email Cyndi Musar cmusar@comcast.net if you would like to sign up.

If you like to bake, we also seek 3 cookie bakers each month to bring (or deliver ahead) 40 cookies each. Please come enjoy a little fellowship while doing something simple, but special for the residents at The Oaks. No special training needed, just a willingness to help.

