



March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jesus Condemned

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

Pontius Pilate cuts a curious figure in the Gospels., We encounter Pilate only in the passion narratives. The Gospels provide few details, and the historical record is thin. Pilate appears to have served as the fifth governor of the Roman province of Judea—a role he held, according to Josephus, for 10 years. Appointed under Emperor Tiberius, Pilate would have been responsible for leading the regional military and overseeing the province's judicial system, including adjudicating matters of capital punishment. He also levied and collected taxes and minted coins. Historians are divided on whether Pilate was an effective governor. Some point to his long tenure—the second-longest in the region—as evidence of his competence. Others cite the relatively low status of his appointment, his lack of upward mobility, and his frequent inflammatory decisions regarding the Jewish population as signs of his inadequacy. Both Josephus and Philo portray Pilate as a cruel and obstinate man with little regard for Jewish custom or culture.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith in Spring

FRANZ SCHUBERT*

*The gentle winds are awakened,
They murmur and waft day and night,
They create in every corner.
Oh, fresh scent, oh, new sound!
Now, poor dear heart, fear not!
Now everything, everything must change.
The world becomes more beautiful with each day,
One does not know what may yet happen,
The blooming doesn't want to end.
The farthest, deepest valley blooms:
Now, poor dear heart, forget the pain!
Now everything, everything must change.
~ Johann Ludwig Uhland*, trans. Hyde Flippo*

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, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer (1979). Also called "The Song of Simeon."

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

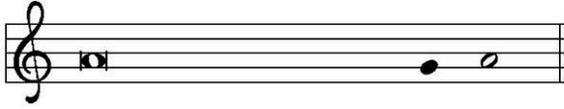
calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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.



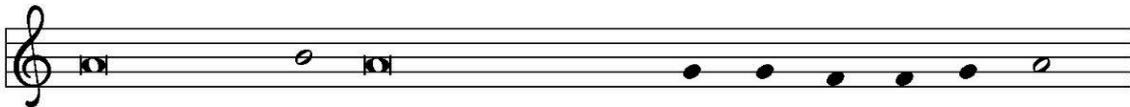
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



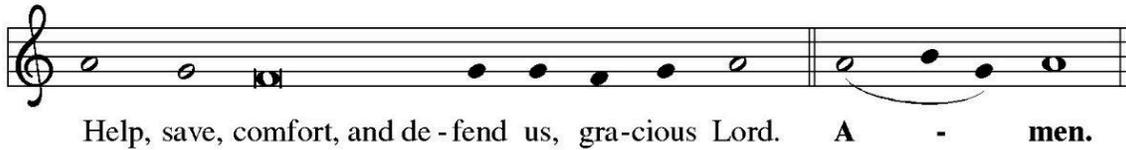
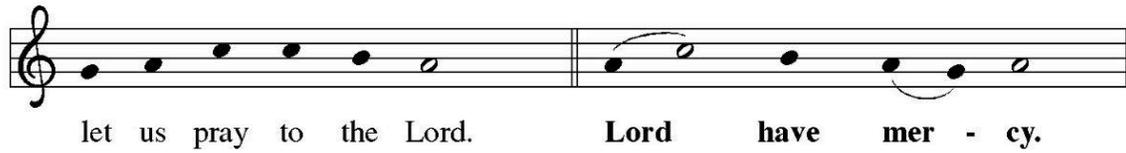
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days. In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.

Amen.

ANTHEM

I Walk a Stranger on this Land

DALE WOOD+

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH REBECCA KEITH, VIOLINIST, MERLE HARRIS, CELLIST, AND MARK STROM, GUITARIST

*I walk a stranger on this land and weary have I grown,
But with the setting sun there comes a peace that I have known;
For though I walk a narrow road I do not walk alone.*

*So many strangers pass my way; some speak, then disappear.
They walk in shadow toward the night in loneliness and fear.
The words of hope I longed to share were words they would not hear.*

*Regret and sorrow know this road; at times they walk along
To bring a tear into my eye and sadness to my song.
They say that what should be is not and that which is, is wrong.*

*I do not walk a lonely road or take a lonely stand.
The steps I follow do not make impressions in the sand.
Yet in God's word I hear his voice and know his guiding hand.*

~ Stephen Lazicki, alt. Dale Wood

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

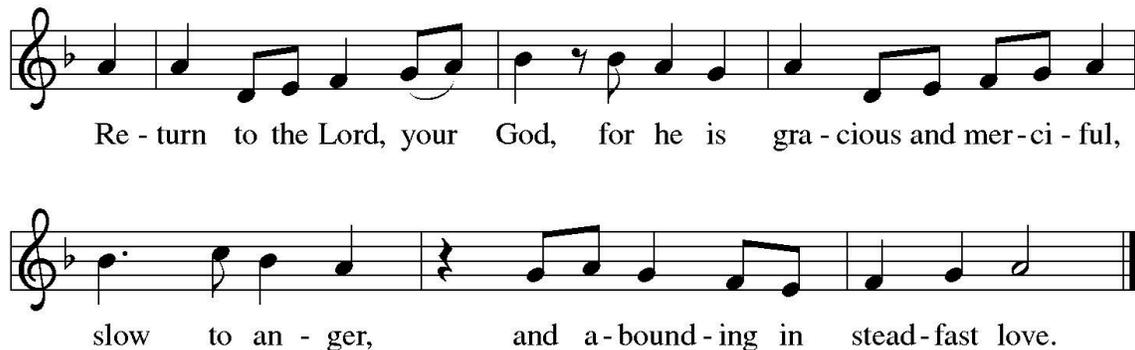
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

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 19:1-16a

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew] Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER. African American spiritual: arr. hymnal version

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

Mist
 ESTHER SUNARDI, PIANIST*

CLIFFORD POOLE*

OFFERING PRAYER

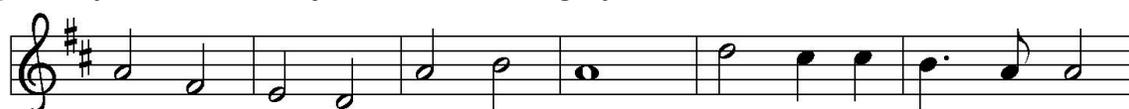
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
 Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ
 our Lord.
Amen.

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.

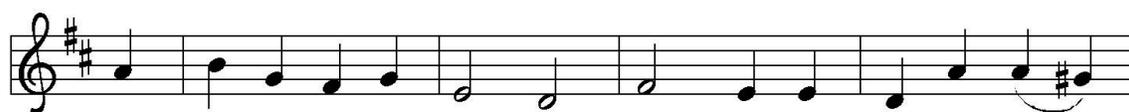
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.**

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 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Nuages gris

FRANZ LISZT*

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 798

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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 *I Do Not Walk a Lonely Road*

DALE WOOD+

SENDING

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

+ + +

WORSHIP NOTES:** Similar to African-American Spirituals that often “speak in code” in relation to slavery, freedom and liberty, the text used by **Franz Schubert** in his song, ***Faith in Spring, is a coded message by the poet Johann Ludwig Uhland. It references – and protests against – the autocratic and authoritarian European rulers of the early nineteenth century, not least including the French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. Schubert’s circle of friends – musical and artistic progressives – would have had an immediate understanding of the “text behind the text” of such poetry.

This morning’s anthem features the Chancel Choir with violinist **Rebecca Keith**, cellist **Merle Harris**, and guitarist **Mark Strom**. As always, we are delighted when our talented “in house” instrumentalists join the choir in musical worship!

In contrast to the optimism of the Call to Worship, the Offertory – ***Mist***, by British-Canadian pianist/composer/conductor/pedagogue **Clifford Poole** (1916–2003) – and the music during Communion, foreshadow the murky understanding of the disciples during Holy Week.

Nuages gris (*Gray Clouds*) – is a late, boundary-pushing composition by the great Hungarian pianist/composer/conductor/pedagogue **Franz Liszt**, written about five years before the composer’s death at age seventy-five in 1881. The ominously unsettled harmonic structure of the music anticipates the gathering clouds of Holy Week; anguish and tumult in the Garden of Gethsemane, death on Golgotha, and the garden tomb.

We are happy to welcome **Esther Sunardi** to the piano bench, this morning! Esther’s previous musical offerings were in January and February of 2025.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Rebecca Keith, Merle Harris, Mark Strom,
Esther Sunardi

Reader: Kea Manahan

Ushers: Karen McElhinney & John Hushagen

Fellowship: Jean & John Bergo

Altar Guild: Marilyn Anderson

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Carl Presley

NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 24

John 19:16b-22

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



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

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SHELTER LUNCH BUNCH

New Dates for Shelter Lunch Bunch Fans

Have you enjoyed building sandwiches and sides for our Shelter Lunch Bunch program? Or would you like to try it? This program provides 40 lunches on weekends for The Oaks, the enhanced (24-hr) shelter on Aurora which is run by Lake City Partners. We hear these lunches are their favorite lunch of the week, so let's keep it up!

We have secured two new dates and hope to have summer dates soon, too. To sign up click the link in the weekly email or scan the QR code below:

Saturday 4/4
(note this is the day
before Easter)



Saturday 5/23
(note this is Memorial
Day weekend)



Volunteers can provide homemade cookies, help in the kitchen, or deliver the lunches. The start time is 9:30am in the church kitchen and we're usually out the door before 11:00am. SignUpGenius has more details or contact Cyndi at cmusar@comcast.net.

Be kind!

Cyndi & Jim Musar
Shelter Lunch Bunch Main Hosts



Holy Week & Easter



PALM SUNDAY

March 29 at 9:45 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2 at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 at 7:00 pm

EASTER

Worship April 5 at 9:45 am

(Breakfast in the Library from 8:30-9:30 am)

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Easter is fast approaching, which means - Easter Breakfast!

A sign-up to help bring sweet rolls, bacon and deviled eggs will be in the library. Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 9:30 on Easter morning with food service in the narthex and seating in the narthex and library. It is a fun morning to gather early and visit over food and drink before Easter worship!