



# July 12, 2026

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### *Fruits of the Spirit*

#### **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

*Maestoso in A Minor, Part I*

GEORGE CALKIN\*

Liberating God, you set us free  
to live a life ripe with the fruits of the Spirit.

**Not fear, but love, joy, and peace.**

Not exploitation, but patience, kindness, and goodness.

**Not knee-jerk reactions, but faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

With the Spirit as our guide,  
**we nurture the Ways of Life.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We  
give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us  
in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new  
creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 687

*Come to Us, Creative Spirit*

CASTLEWOOD



1 Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in this ho - ly  
 2 Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic - mak - er, all your trea - sures  
 3 Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our minds, we  
 4 In all plac - es and for - ev - er glo - ry be ex -



house; ev - 'ry hu - man tal - ent hal - low,  
 bring; crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er,  
 pray; and in all ar - tis - tic vi - sion  
 pressed to the Son, with God the Fa - ther



hid - den skills a - rouse, that with - in your earth - ly  
 make your of - fer - ing; join your hands in cel - e -  
 give in - teg - ri - ty: may the flame with - in us  
 and the Spir - it blest: in our wor - ship and our



tem - ple, wise and sim - ple may re - joice.  
 bra - tion: let cre - a - tion shout and sing!  
 burn - ing kin - dle yearn - ing day by day.  
 liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: CASTLEWOOD, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

**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

Let us pray.

O God, the giver of every good gift, you set before us the feast of gladness. Gather your fractured human family, welcome us in our weakness, feed us with your mercy, and clothe us with life itself: 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 John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) "I am the true vine, and my Abba is the gardener. Abba cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit They prune so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Abba's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

SERMON



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## 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 HYMN 686 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

HEATH

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

### OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and your creation provides us with an abundance of what we need. May our gifts of all kinds and our labor contribute to the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people. **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 God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent 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.**

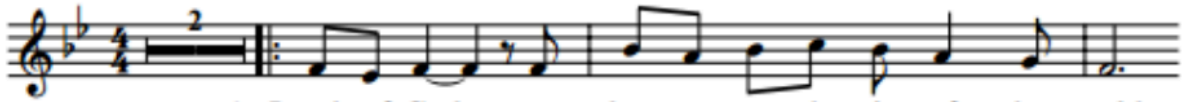
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORDS PRAYER**

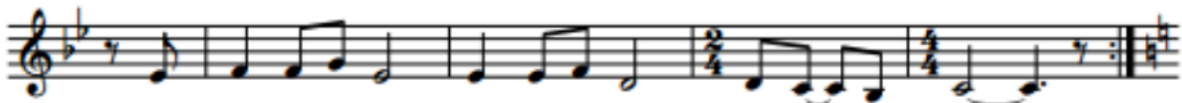
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**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



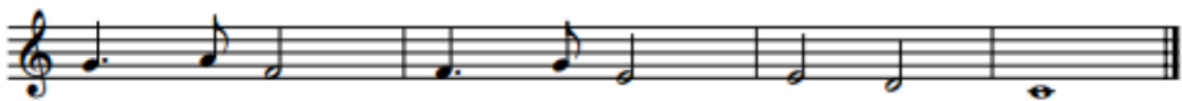
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



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.

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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.*

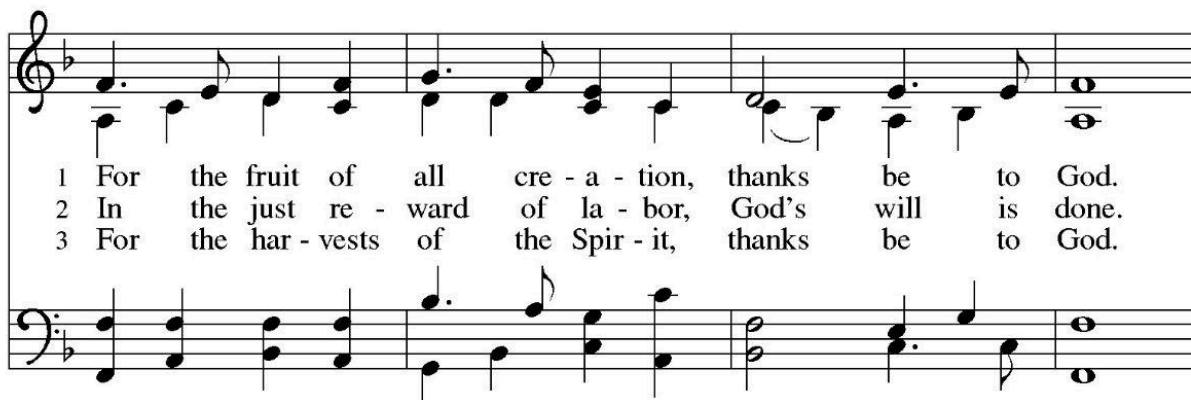
## COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever, Amen.

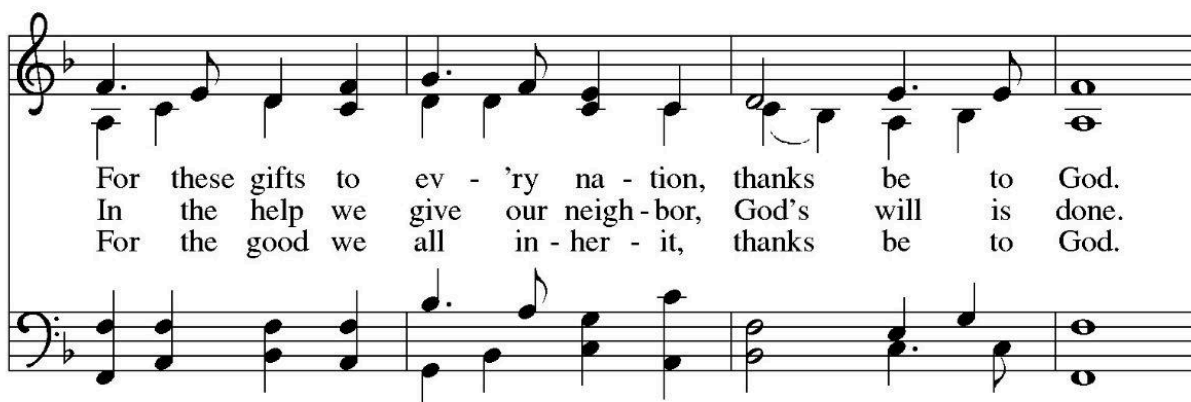
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to illuminate 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 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## BLESSING

May the Creator of all embolden us to be fiercely and authentically yourself.  
May the Holy Protector guide us as we continue to discover the fullness of who we are.  
And may the Spirit of Truth and Wisdom guide us to seek justice for all.  
**Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Maestoso in A Minor, Part II*

GEORGE CALKIN\*

## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** British organist, cellist, choral conductor and prolific composer for the organ, **George Calkin** (1829 – 1911) included sixteen books of organ voluntaries amongst his compositions.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver

Music: David Buice

Reader: Julie Pierce

Ushers: Linda Mihalov & Karen McElhinney

Fellowship: Nancy & Jamie Estill

Altar Guild: Karren Johnson

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter

## NEXT WEEK:

Galatians 5:13-14, 22b-25

Matthew 5:43-48 (CEB Translation)



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## Help Shape Faith's New Website and Logo

Our church website and logo is getting a fresh new look! Kelsey Beebe, of *Pastor Kelsey Creative* [pastorkelseyb.com](http://pastorkelseyb.com), has been contracted to redesign the website, logos and communication training.

A listening session will be held on **July 19th** after church to offer insights, needs, and preferences. Many generations use the website, thus the goal is for it to be clear, accessible, attractive and appropriately interactive for all.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Vacation Closures

The church office will be closed July 13 - 17 while staff is on vacation.

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

## Tea Time with Emily

Tea Time is a relaxed opportunity to connect, catch up and enjoy conversation with Emily, our Office Manager, and members of the Faith community, in person and online Tuesdays from 11:00am to noon. Each week we'll explore a new caring conversation question and learn more about one another's stories and experiences.

Please note that Tea Time is **cancelled on Tuesday, July 14**, as staff will not be in the office. We look forward to seeing everyone again when Tea Time **resumes on Tuesday, July 21**, at 11:00am.

**July 21 question:** What is your favorite summer memory?

We hope you'll join us for conversation, connection and community!



### **Faith Community Directory**

Have you signed up for our new Faith Community Directory yet? This secure, online directory makes it easy to stay connected with your Faith family, update your contact information, and add family photos. You can access it anytime from your phone, tablet or computer.

Simply download the **Instant Church Directory** app or visit the directory website (see the weekly email for links and instructions). Use the email address we have on file for you to create your account, then review and update your information.

If you need help getting started or your email address isn't in our records, please contact Emily at **206.317.4631** or **office@faithseattle.org**.

Thank you for helping us build an accurate and welcoming directory for our Faith community! Printed directories will be available once member information has been updated and verified.



# 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 **6 volunteer spots** still available. Scan QR code below or click link in weekly email to sign up!

**SAT JULY 18 | 11 AM - 2 PM**  
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