



May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Sunday

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

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150: *Laudate Dominum*

GEORGE S. TALBOT+

*O praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the timbrels and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the LOUD cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
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 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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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.

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

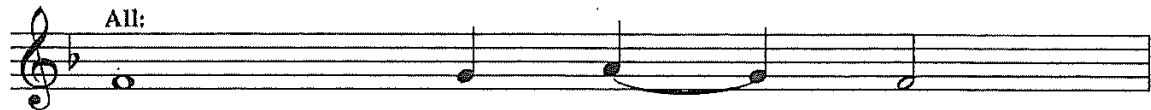
As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.

OPENING LITANY & EVENING HYMN from *Bless This Night*

As a chant



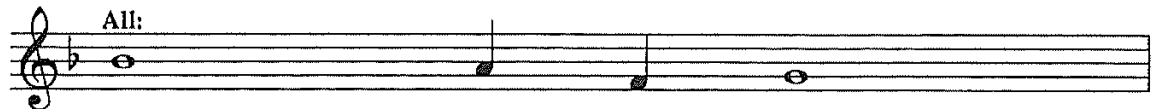
Jesus, you are the life and the truth.



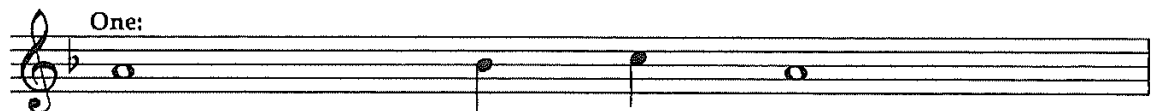
Be with us this evening.



You were there in the beginning;



You are here with us now.



As the day turns to dusk,



prepare us to receive night's blessings.



...(bless - ings.)



1. As the eve - ning wind a - ris - es,
2. Cir - cled with cre - a - tion's beau - ty;
3. Voi - ces join - ing with each oth - er,
4. Praise to God, the one who sees me;



dark - ness deep - ens vault - ed skies.
rav - en call and riv - er song;
stri - ving for a pur - pose clear,
Je - sus Christ, be - lov - ed one;



Moun - tain sha - dows fill the val - ley,
Life a - bund - ant on our jour - ney
make our dai - ly life to - geth - er
Ho - ly Spir - it, truth re - veal - ed;



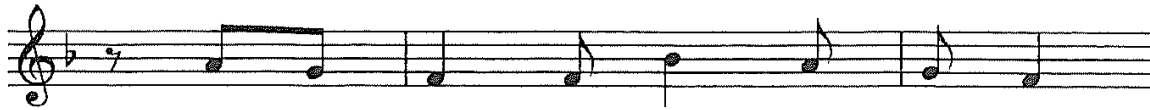
still and qui - et, dusk ar - rives.
stir - ring won - der: we be - long.
hard or ea - sy: ev - er dear.
all our bless - ings come from you.



In the good - ness of the dark
We em - brace deep my - ste - ry,
Prac - tice in com - mu - ni - ty
Mak - er of the day and night,



for the night - time we pre - pare.
 loved by God and full of worth.
 op - ens room for God to start
 called them good and rest - ed too;



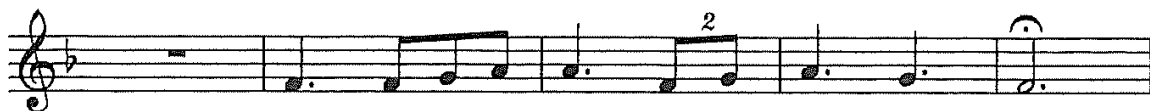
Some claim rest for wea - ry bod - ies;
 Who are we to be en - trust - ed
 buil - ding ju - stice for all peo - ple,
 You who are the breath of li - fe,



oth - ers start the watch in care.
 with the care of our whole earth?
 hea - ling wrongs of hard - ened hearts.
 praise and thanks we give to you.



We gath - er to - geth - er to bless this night!
 We gath - er to - geth - er to stand in awe!
 We gath - er to - geth - er to work for peace!
 We gath - er to - geth - er to praise our God!



We ga - ther to - ge - ther to bless this night!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

We gather as siblings in Christ, hearing Paul say, “Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.” And so, we continue to pray with and for one another: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

ANTHEM

Prayer for Peace

BURYL RED+

Make me an instrument of thy peace, Lord, of thy peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Doubt, faith; despair, hope; darkness, light, sadness, joy;

Pardon, faith, hope, light, and joy, love.

~ Ragan Courtney, after St. Francis of Assisi

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING

Genesis 1:1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-28, Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th and 28th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Word of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 412 *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

KINGSFOLD



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We All Believe in One True God

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH*

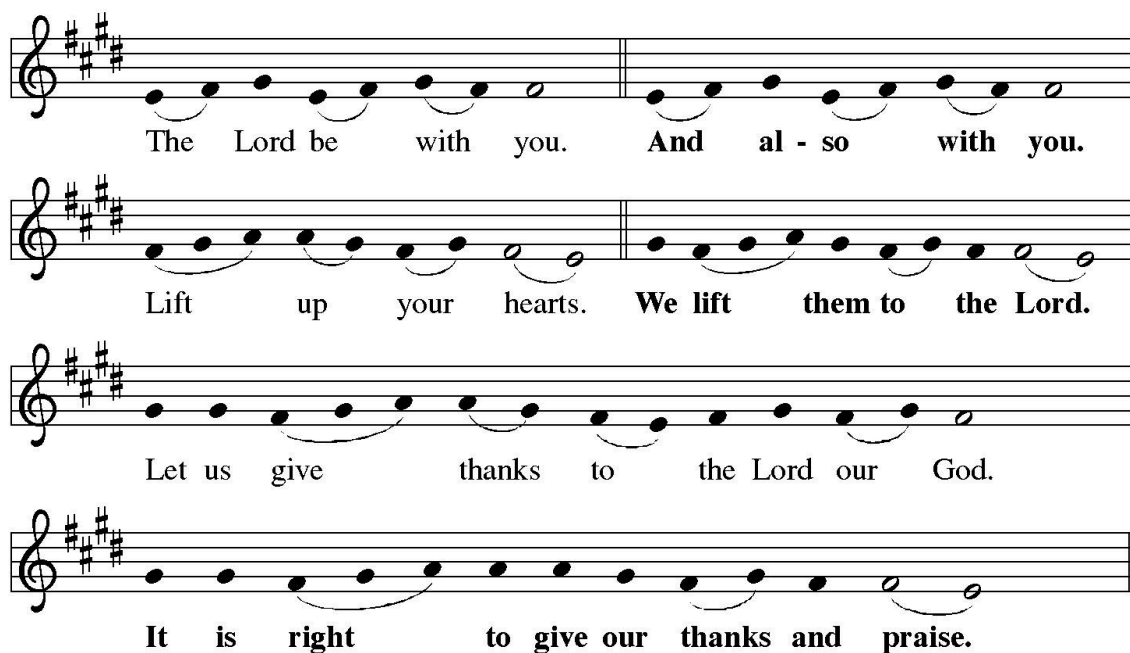
*We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever present help in need, praised by all the heav'nly host;
By whose mighty pow'r alone all is made and wrought and done.*

~ Tobias Clausnitzer, 17th Century, trans. Catherine Winkworth, 19th Century

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 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are quarter notes with stems pointing up, and they are grouped by slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with the final phrase of each line in bold.

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.

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

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

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

BLESSING from *Bless This Night*

One: The world is ever turning.

All: **Turning toward hope, toward love, toward justice.**

One: May it be so.

Blessed by the God of life, we
go out in - to this night to stretch and
grow, wan - der and won - der!
Now to rest, to work, or to play; we
thank you O God for the bless - ing of this night.

A - - - men.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES:** In this morning's Offertory, **J. S. Bach's *We All Believe in One True God, the hymn tune is presented with a childlike simplicity, supported by a four-part accompaniment – including double pedaling throughout – reflecting the underlying complexity of a life of faith. At the conclusion, faith is drawn into an ecstasy that raises the soul to heavenly heights.

This chorale prelude is often said to be “attributed” to Bach, inasmuch as it bears an unmistakable similarity to a setting of the same hymn tune by Bach's student Johann Ludwig Krebs. However, the voicing of the four-part accompaniment, with its elegant use of double pedaling that points backwards to the seventeenth century *Baroque* rather than forward to the eighteenth century *Rococo*, tends to support the argument that it is, at the very least, a JSB “cover” of one of his favorite student's compositions.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: John Hushagen

Ushers: Holly & Jim Johnson

Fellowship: Eileen & Bruce Reichert

Altar Guild: Barb Friedhoff

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter

NEXT WEEK:

PSALM 121



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Save the date!
**Celebrating 50 Years of Women Lutheran Pastors
in The Pacific Northwest**

on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Pastor Nancy Winder's ordination

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 11 A.M.
at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church
7500 Greenwood Avenue N, Seattle

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee preaching. Reception to follow.

In honor of Pastor Nancy Winder and in celebration of the faithful leadership and accomplishments of women pastors over the past 50 years, gifts may be made to support the Candidacy Fund. Give online at www.lutheransnw.org/give or contributions may be sent to the NW Washington Synod:

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