



May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Christ Hymn

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

Paul continues to describe the kind of deep partnership that is necessary for serving in ministry together. Relationship and the partnership of all help manage the suffering in the world and is a call from Christ, who set the example for us of what it means to love one another. We join in the work that is hard, and we do it with deep love and compassion. It takes patience and strength to serve in Christ's name and we hold one another up as we live this gospel together. Paul is calling the community to deep humility and selflessness that serves as the anchor for all to thrive amid suffering. Enduring hardship for the sake of the gospel is not only a reality of the call, but it becomes a place where the community's bond is forged together.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rigaudon

ANDRÉ CAMPRA*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism...

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

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.

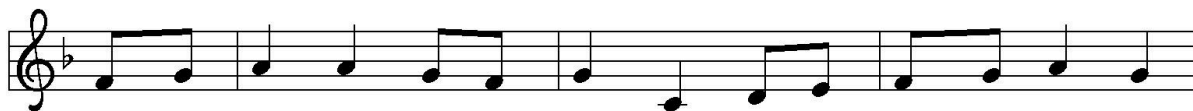
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

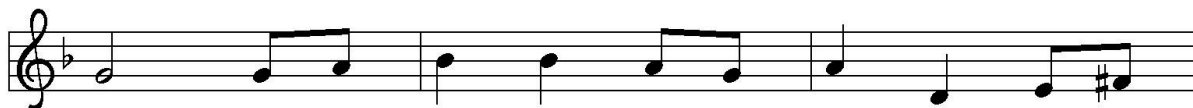
Amen.

OPENING HYMN 403 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

GREETING

As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection. We come as children of Creator, reconciled by grace through the Son, and filled with God's love through the Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.



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

Merciful Jesus, grant us courage to deny privilege to lay down favor and safety and take up the cross of opportunity and justice. Grant us courage to deny consumerism, to lay down convenience and gratification, and take up the cross of sustainability and generosity. Grant us courage to deny comfort, to lay down apathy and ease, and take up the cross of solidarity and true love. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on us. Show us what to pick up and what to lay down, so we may lose and loose in order to find and bind all that is from you. **Amen**

ANTHEM

O Day Full of Grace

C. E. F. WEYSE, 1826
ARR. PAUL CHRISTIANSEN+

*O day, full of grace, which we behold, now gently to view ascending;
Thou over the earth thy reign unfold, good cheer to all mortals lending,
That children of light in every clime may prove that the night is ending.*

*How blest was that gracious midnight hour, when God in our flesh was given;
Then flushed the dawn with light and power, that spread o'er the darkened heaven;
Then rose o'er the world that Sun divine which gloom from our hearts hath driven.*

*With joy we depart for our heavenly home, where God our Father is dwelling,
Where ready for us his mansions stand, where heaven with praise is swelling;
And there we shall walk in endless light!*

~ Anon. Danish, 14th Century, N. F. S. Grundtvig, 1826, tr. O H. Smeby, G. T. Rygh, C. Doving, 1911

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 Luke 6:43-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 591

That Priceless Grace

THAT PRICELESS GRACE



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949
Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional

PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer...

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, **Amen.**

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

With thanksgiving we share our tithes and offerings with God for the work of ministry in the world.

OFFERTORY

Ascension Meditation

JOHANNES FROBERGER*

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

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:

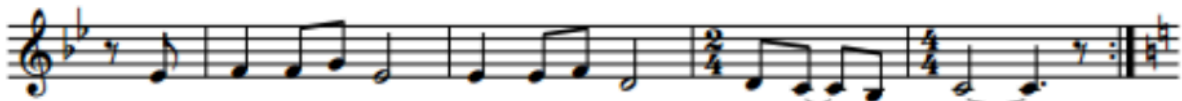
LORDS PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD



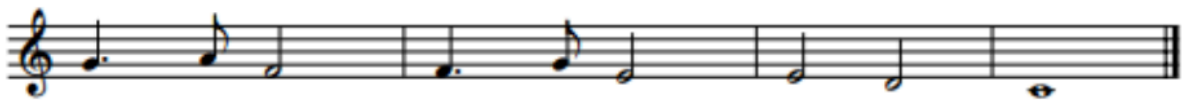
1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



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.

SENDING HYMN 627

O Day Full of Grace

DEN SIGNEDE DAG

SING VERSES 1-3 & 5

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

BLESSING

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

With Joy We Depart

PAUL CHRISTIANSEN+

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** **André Campra** was a key figure in the renaissance of French opera in the first half of the eighteenth century. He served as music director at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris and worked at the *Académie royale de musique* and the royal chapel at Versailles. **Rigaudon** – a joyful French *Provençal* dance – is from the incidental music of Campra's opera *Idoménée*; a favorite of organists for many years, it is one of the pieces that inspired our Music Director's childhood desire to study the organ.

One of the most widely traveled of 17th-century musicians, **Johannes Froberger** knew the music of the northern keyboard composition "school" represented by Jan Sweelinck and Samuel Scheidt, while his knowledge of the Italian school came from direct study with Girolamo Frescobaldi. In his travels around Europe, Froberger can be seen as a virtual musical bee, pollinating the royal courts of Paris, Vienna, and Dresden with his hybrid form of toccata, as well as his expressionistic approach to reflective music such as this morning's Call to Worship, filled with trepidation and sighs of resignation, and punctuated by a heaven-bound ascension over four octaves of the keyboard.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Aileen Ida

Ushers: Jean & John Bergo

Fellowship: Council

Altar Guild: Marilyn Anderson

Zoom Host: Debbie Strom

Tech Operator: Mark Strom

NEXT WEEK:

Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

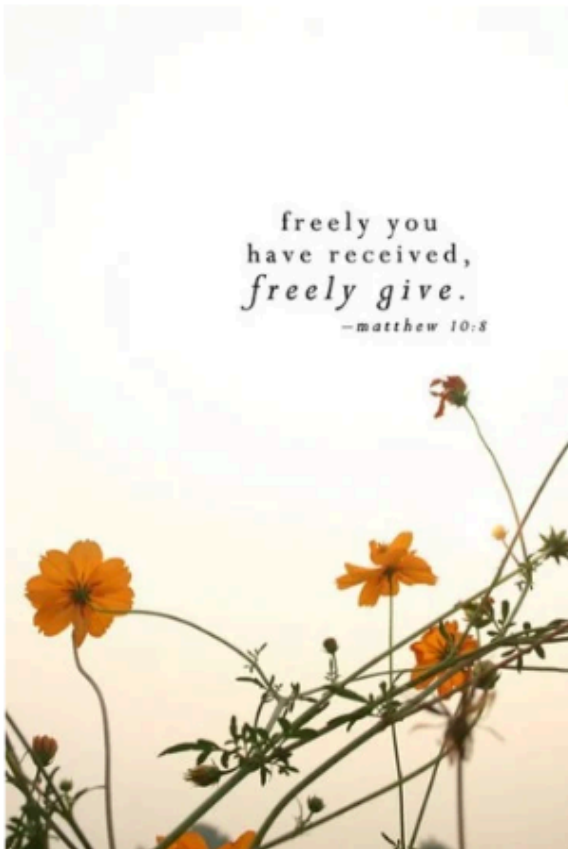
John 14:16-17

May 17 Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting will take place TODAY, Sunday, May 17th following worship.

The congregation will vote to:

- Approve the budget
- New council members
- Nominating committee
- Five mission partners that will receive stewardship funding
- Share current updates for the congregation



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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NW Washington Synod Gathering

**Life in God's Garden:
Seeds of Generosity**

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm



Worship

Workshops

Rev. Tim Brown, Keynote

Lunch included
\$40/person

at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood
& Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

lutheransnw.org/events

NW Washington Synod Gathering

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm

Please join us for this full day to celebrate, learn, and connect around the theme of generosity. This is generosity rooted in God's abundant love for creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, and money. Generosity of our hearts.

We will be gathering at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood AND the new Lynnwood Neighborhood Center**. We will center our time in worship at 9am with song, communion, preaching by Bishop Shelley, and gratitude and blessing for our Synod VP Kay Edgerton who will be concluding her term this summer.

We will welcome our keynote presenter, Rev. Tim Brown, ELCA director for congregational stewardship. Following lunch, there will be 2

afternoon workshop times - with a total of 22 options from local leaders (**including Pastor Shannyn!**) As we prepare to close the day, we will re-gather for a sending service - including time to install our newly elected synod council officers and members.

All are welcome to register - lay members and rostered leaders. There are so many wonderful workshop options, you will want to bring a group from your ministry site to capture as many of the offerings as you can!

Cost will be \$40/person - includes program and lunch.

To REGISTER & read about the workshop options click on link in weekly email or scan QR code below. During registration, you will be asked to select your workshops (and your lunch.) Registration will close at 12noon on Monday, May 18.

*Register
Now*





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.



The NW Washington Synod has PRIDE!

The NW Washington Synod is proud to be a Reconciling in Christ synod and there are many opportunities to join in and celebrate during the 2026 Pride Season. **Click on the link in the weekly email or scan QR code below** for the NW Synod Pride webpage for more information on the Seattle Pride Parade and other Pride events.

Seattle PRIDE Parade

Join the NW Synod in marching in the Seattle PRIDE parade again on Sunday, June 28. We are limited to 200 persons. **If you would like to join the NW Synod Pride Parade email Emily at office@faithseattle.org by June 10.**

PSST! The NW Synod has some cool, colorful PRIDE bandanas available - \$5 each. Contact Susan in the synod office at susan@lutheransnw.org to purchase pride bandanas.

SCAN ME!

