



# July 5, 2026

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### *Interdependence 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!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Materna*

SAMUEL A. WARD, ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesty above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.  
~ Katherine L. Bates, 1895*

The Spirit of God is upon us.

**We are called to be God's people.**

The Spirit of God is upon us.

**We are called to be the body of Christ.**

Come let us worship God,

**who binds us together in love and service.**

### ORDER OF CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
Who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.  
**Amen.**

Holy God, as bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;  
**dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

For the right roads we avoid traveling,  
And the kindly words we refused to share;  
for the false gods who received our worship  
And the true selves we have starved of love,  
**God, by your grace, forgive us.**

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,  
And the promises which we never kept;  
For the careless use of our time and money  
And the excuses we should never have made,  
**God, by your grace, forgive us.**

For the life of the world  
And the love of its people,  
**God, in your love, renew us.**

God, who is rich in merch, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-8

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING Romans 16:1-7; 17-20

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but also all the churches of the gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Israelites who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS 1044 *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels* BRIDEGROOM



1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, not for wis - dom to dis -  
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and  
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in  
4 In the day this world is fad - ing, faith and hope will play their



cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this  
kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -  
wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -  
part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:  
ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.  
lieves and suf - fers long:  
reign in ev - 'ry heart:

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926  
Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

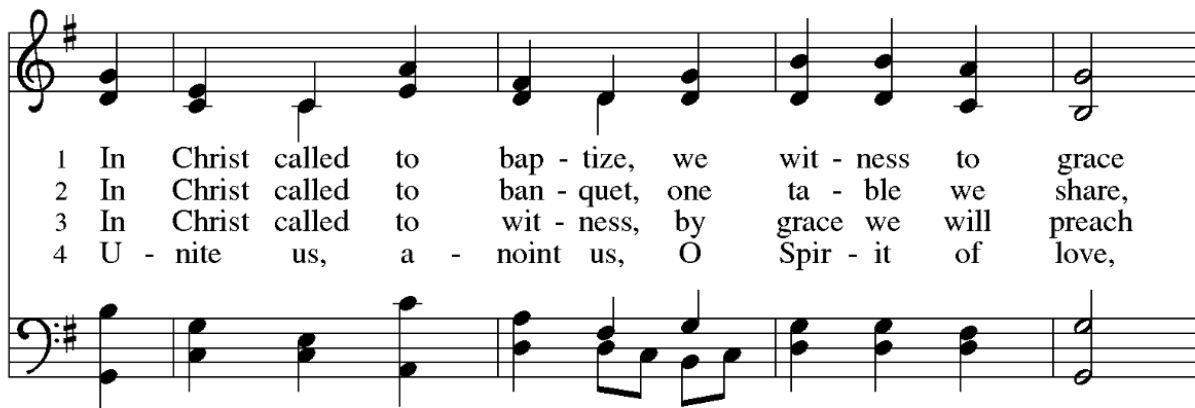
GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

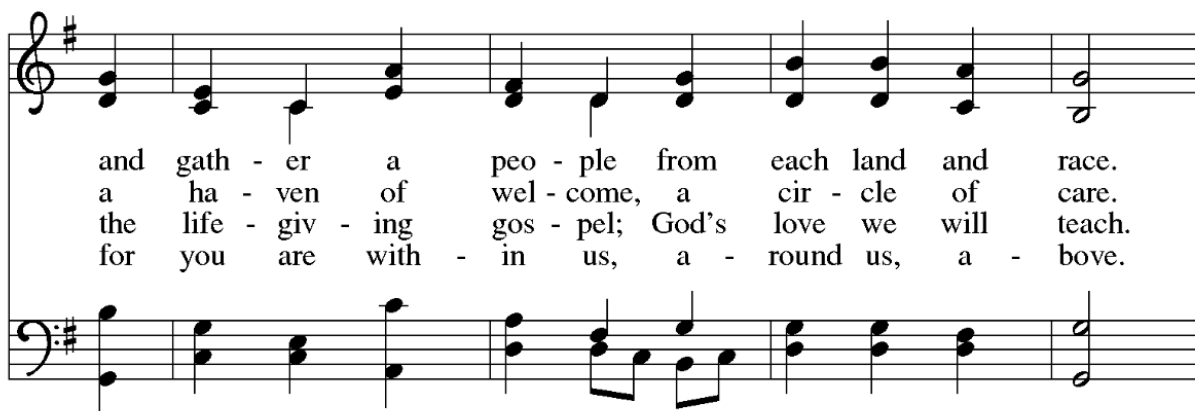
“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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


SERMON



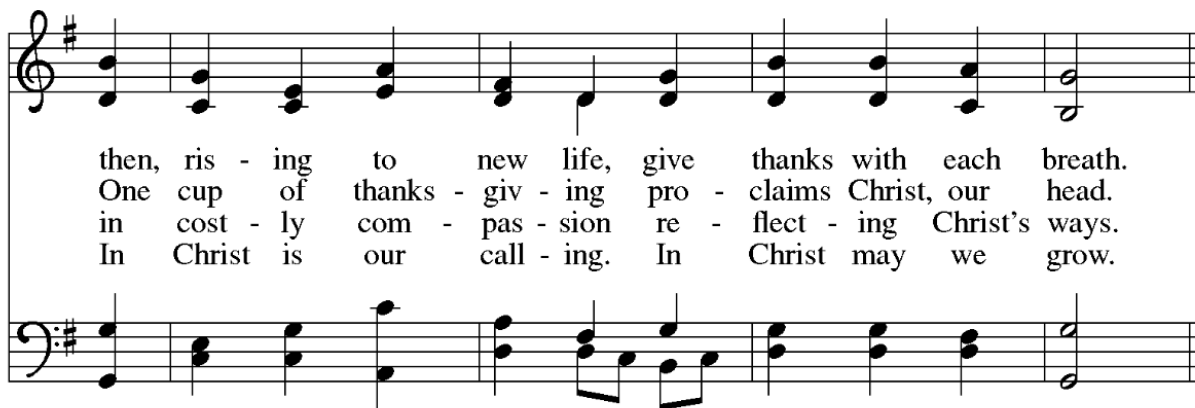
1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

## APOSTLES 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 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

Loving and Liberating God,  
In our doubt and fear, may we know the compassion of the Shepherd,  
who tends us in the valley of shadows and will sit with us as long as we need.

In our anger and frustration, may we know the passion of the Prophet,  
who overturns the tables of injustice and curses this fruitless age.

In our pain and despair, may we know the healing of the Comforter,  
who strengthens us with hope that is stronger than death.

In our joy and celebration, may we know the relief of the Parent,  
who runs to embrace us and throws us a party.

Make us a community of costly, courageous, and compassionate love,  
overcoming destruction and injustice wherever we may find it,  
and drawing the circle of celebration ever wider.

Loving and Liberating God,  
we pray in solidarity with those whose hearts and bodies are aching today,  
and with those who are experiencing joy and gratitude.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, and those dear to us.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, for our neighbors, and for our enemies.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church. We pray for the world.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For whom else do we pray?  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God, may we live in the abundance of your liberating love,  
this day and every day.  
In the name of Jesus we pray.  
And all God's people together said: **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

### OFFERTORY

### *Song of Peace*

JEAN LANGLAIS\*

### OFFERING PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

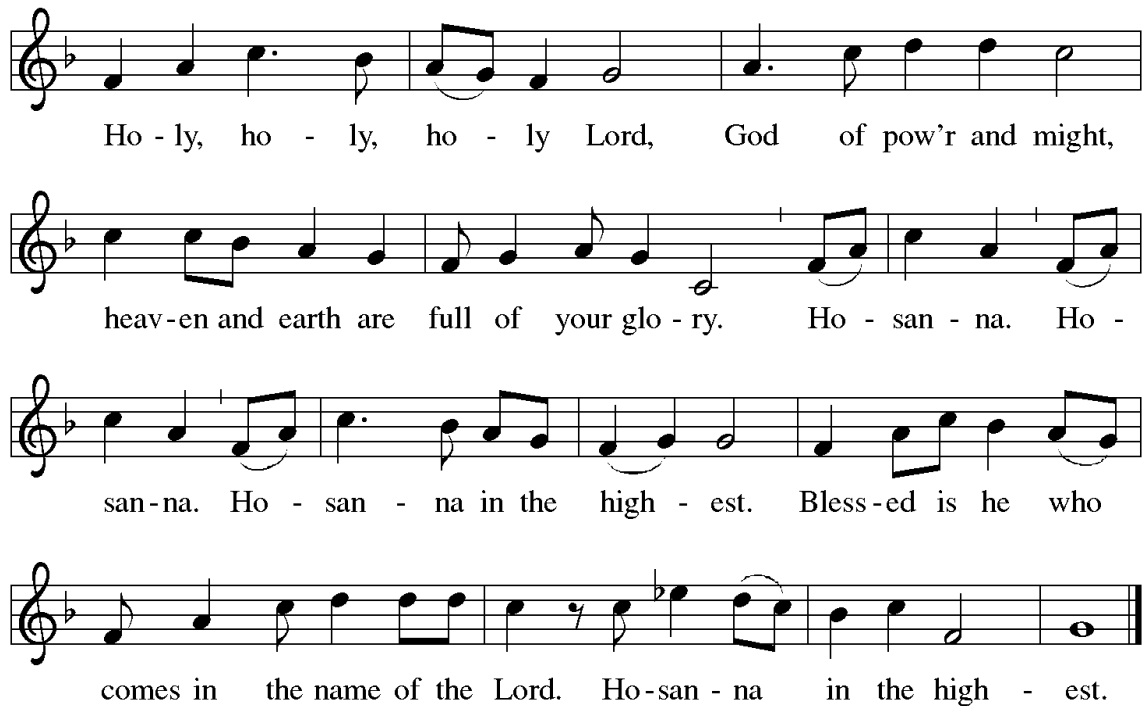
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
 You are most holy,  
 and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
 to fulfill for us your holy will  
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

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.**

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3  
 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

## BLESSING

May God the Creator bless you. +  
 May God the Son walk with you.  
 May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.  
**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE *America the Beautiful*

FRED PRENTICE\*  
 ADAPTED FOR ORGAN SOLO BY DAVID BUICE

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

## SENDING

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

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** **Jean Langlais** was organist at the Church of *Ste. Clothilde* in Paris from 1945 to 1987. The Offertory reflects the composer in a meditative and mystical mode, truly a ***Song of Peace***.

**Fred Prentice** was our music director's choral conducting mentor at the University of Alabama. In 1974, Dr. Prentice composed a choral arrangement of *MATERNA*, the tune originally composed by Samuel A. Ward in 1883 and published with text by Katherine Lee Bates in 1910 by Oliver Ditson & Company.

The Prentice choral arrangement was composed in response to the emotional state of the United States in 1974; the Vietnam War, Watergate, and Richard Nixon's resignation from the presidency were all contributors to a mood of national disillusionment, but a mood nevertheless tinged with hope for the future of the country.

Using the first two lines of the third verse of *ELW* 888 and the final two lines of the first verse, Prentice crafted what has been called a disquieting and haunting choral masterpiece, the melody starting in the treble, but with the pitches continuing past their "melodic moment". As the subsequent phrases move to the tenor and then the bass, the tone cluster above widens more & more, resulting in a tone cluster extending over an octave and a third.

In relation to the mood of the arrangement, the tone cluster speaks for itself, while the final phrase in the soprano – *from sea to shining sea...* – offers a glimmer of hope against the dissonant wall of sound below it.

Powerful in its day, and no less – perhaps more than ever – appropriate to the current national darkness, Prentice's choral arrangement has been adapted for solo organ to conclude this morning's service.

**Sundays and Seasons** (liturgical elements from Augsburg Fortress)

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## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Pam Russell

Music: David Buice

Reader: Cheryl Peters

Ushers: Selma Wendt & John Hushagen

Fellowship: Dallas & Carl Presley

Altar Guild: Marilyn Anderson

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Wally Powelson

## **NEXT WEEK:**

Galatians 5:13-14, 22b-25

John 15:1-8



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

**DONATE ONLINE**

**It's easy.**

**Scan the QR code below to give via Vanco.**



## **University District Food Bank Donation Drive**

Faith members have voted to support the University District Food Bank as one of our five community partners for the coming year. On July 12, we will gather monetary donations and shelf stable non-dairy milk(s) for our hungry neighbors served by the food bank. A group of volunteers from Faith will deliver these gifts on July 18th-our next pre-scheduled work "party" from 11-2pm.

Why money or "milks" you may be wondering...

The food bank staff can stretch the purchasing power of our dollars much farther than we can as individuals. And, their clients frequently ask for shelf stable non-dairy milks (soy, oat, almond, cashew) which are pricey and they do not stock.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the food bank!

Questions? Contact Nancy E at [nancy.estill@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.estill@gmail.com)



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

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

5017 ROOSEVELT WAY NE,  
SEATTLE, WA 98105



## 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.

### Holiday & Vacation Closures

The church office will be closed Monday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day. The office will also be closed July 13 - 17 while staff is on vacation.

Emily is currently dealing with some health issues and is scheduled to undergo surgery on August 5. Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for surgery and recovery. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated during this time.

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

### Tea Time with Emily

With our new office hours, Tea Time will now be offered both online and in person! We'd love to see you in the office or online for Tea Time with Emily, our Office Manager, and members of the Faith community every **Tuesday from 11:00am to noon**.

Tea Time is a relaxed opportunity to connect, catch up and enjoy conversation together. Each week we'll explore a new caring conversation question and learn more about one another's stories and experiences.



**Next week's question:** What's one fun fact about yourself that most people don't know?

We look forward to continuing the great conversations and fun we've shared with everyone who has participated online while also welcoming those who can attend in person. We hope you'll join us for conversation, connection and community!

Zoom link can be found on Faith's website and in the weekly email.

## 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.

### 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](mailto: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.