



September 6th, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

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

Petite fugue sur le Cromorne

FRANÇOIS COUPERIN *LE GRAND**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

When God extends to us these invitations—to rest, to come to him, to lay our burdens down—do we listen? All too often we run about, busy and frantic, unwilling to let go of control, certain that if we open our clenched fists, everything will fall apart. We are prone to wander indeed.

But God's invitation remains the same, steady, always there amidst our busyness: Come to me. I will give you rest.

Let us turn to God and confess our lack of trust, but also our need for the steady presence of God.

**Shepherding God,
we hear your invitations to rest
and it's hard not to scoff.**

**Slowing down seems so impossible.
There are too many demands on our time
and too many problems for us to solve.
If we put our feet up, this life we've built for ourselves will crumble.
But we're tired, God,
and we know we can't love our best when we're so busy.
We've yelled at our spouses and snapped at our kids.
We've spoken poorly of our colleagues to deflect attention
from our own failing job performance.
We haven't been gentle, God, with ourselves and with each other.**

**We confess our prideful need for control
and the sharp edges we've developed as a result.
Soften us, God.
Help us trust that you are near, that you hold all things in your hands,
that we can rest in you.**

Hear these comforting words:
Nothing in all of creation can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
By his love we are forgiven, and in his love we can rest.
People of God, be at peace.
God has made you holy and whole.
God's grace is enough for you.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, 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



GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th 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 that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 396

Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT





- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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

Cromorne sur la Taille

FRANÇOIS COUPERIN LE GRAND*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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.

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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

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

BLESSING

Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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FRANÇOIS COUPERIN *LE GRAND**

SENDING

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

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** This morning's organ voluntaries are taken from **François Couperin *le grand*'s Messe pour le Couvents**. The Call to Worship is a piquant fugue on the **Cromorne** (on Faith's organ, a combination of Clarinet and Vox Humana stops), while the Offertory is a more sumptuous and eloquent statement by the same combination of stops, played in the tenor range and evocative of late seventeenth century French opera. The Benediction Response features the boldly glittering principal choruses of the organ.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver

Music: David Buice

Reader: Lynn Krog

Ushers: John Hushagen & Carl Presley

Fellowship: Donna Shy

Altar Guild: Karren Johnson

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Wally Powelson

NEXT WEEK:

Galatians 5:13-14, 22b-25

Luke 6:27-31

Tea Time with Emily

Tea Time resumes **Tuesday, September 8, from 11:00am to noon**, both online and in person. We hope you'll join us for conversation, connection and community!

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 something that made you smile this week?

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



Office Updates

Emily, our Office Manager, is back from medical leave. Stop in and say hello!

Office hours return to normal this week: Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 3:30pm, with the church office open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00am - 1:00pm. The office is closed Fridays.

Emily is available during the workday at office@faithseattle.org or 206.317.4631.
Deacon Liz Colver can be reached at deacon.liz.colver@gmail.com and 206.391.2117.

Coming This Autumn at Faith Seattle
The Fourth Annual Sanctuary Keyboards Festival
Sundays at 3:00 p.m.



September 13: Susanna Valleau, Organist
Director of Music and Organist, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Shoreline



October 18: Byron Schenkman, Harpsichordist
Founder & Artistic Director, Sound Salon



November 8: Kay Yeh, Pianist
Collaborative Pianist, Northwest Girlchoir & Mirinesse Women's Choir



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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.

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