



October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

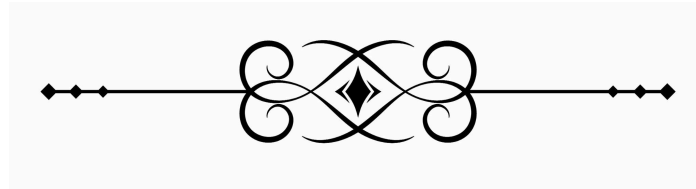
Faith Lutheran Church is a lively, caring and energetic community.

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Overview of Scripture

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prélude nonmesuré, Part I

LOUIS COUPERIN*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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GREETING

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

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

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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM

God's Son Has Made Me Free EDVARD GRIEG, ARR. OSCAR B. OVERBY+

*God's Son has made me free from Satan's tyranny;
From fear of death, and bonds of sin; from all that plagues my soul within.
The holy one, divine, became a friend of mine.
From heaven on high, from starry sky, he came to live, to die.
O boundless love, he came, he died, he rose forever glorified!
He came to give, to die, that I might live.
That I might live with him eternally. God's Son has made me free.*

~ H. A. Brorson

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;

it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³ You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
 To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
 not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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PRAYERS

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world...

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great...

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Prélude nonmesuré, Part II

LOUIS COUPERIN*

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.
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 honor and glory, 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.**

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Prélude nonmesuré, Part III

LOUIS COUPERIN*

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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 487

What Feast of Love

GREENSLEEVES



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor,
And give you peace.
In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God's Son Has Made Me Free

OSCAR B. OVERBY+

SENDING

Go it peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** The lute-harpsichord music in today's worship service is by **Louis Couperin**. A member of the musical corps serving Louis XIV in Paris and Versailles, Couperin was part of a musical dynasty that continued most notably in the next generation with his nephew, François Couperin *le grand* (called "the great" in part to distinguish him from another uncle, a "less-talented François"). Louis Couperin's most notable contribution to the harpsichord literature is the unmeasured prelude (*prélude nonmesuré*), in which a series of whole notes and wavy lines is transformed, in performance, into a relatively unstructured piece with melody and harmony.

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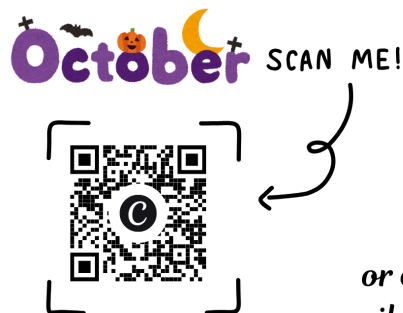
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Pam Russel
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Aileen Ida
Ushers: John and Jean Bergo
Fellowship: Donna Shy & Sandra Cusick
Altar Guild: Barb Friedhoff
Zoom Host: Pat Wilson
Tech Host: Carl Presley

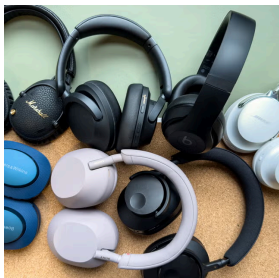


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NEXT WEEK

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Diane Machatka
Ushers: Wally & Eileen Powelson
Fellowship: Debbie & Mark Strom
Altar Guild: Donna Shy
Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter
Tech Host: Rick Brandstetter





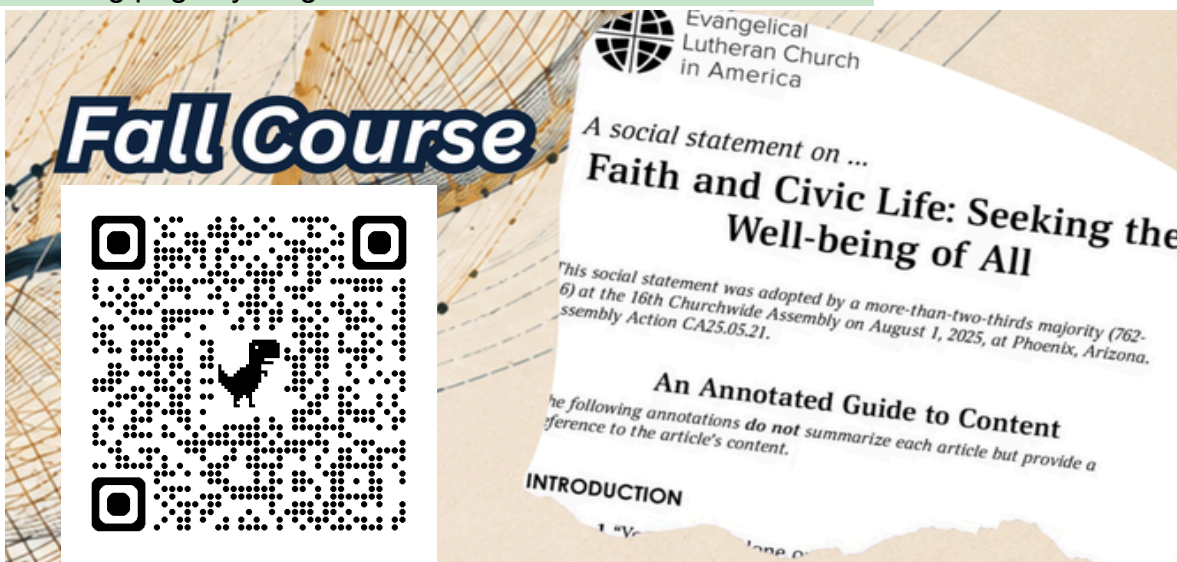
Sound too soft? Sound too loud?

Hearing enhancement devices AND noise muffling/canceling headphones are available for use at the south entrance of the Sanctuary (back of the Sanctuary). Adult and child sizes available.

GATHER King County 18-35 year olds

Join young adults from the greater King County (Mercer Island/Seattle/Bellevue) region in fellowship, worship, community, and discussion. GATHER meets quarterly to spend time asking challenging questions of ourselves, our faith, and our world. All young adults (18-35) from across race, faith background, gender, sexuality, and perspective are welcome here to meet, to be, to gather.

www.htlcmi.org/pages/young-adult-18-35



The LiVE Project

Check out the upcoming LiVE Project opportunities with the NWWA Synod.

Faith Lutheran has a congregational account.

If you would like to sign up for any of the sessions **FREE**,
the **registration code** for Faith is: CalledByGod

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Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-Being of All

Wednesdays at 7pm - Sept. 30 - Nov. 11 - Online via Zoom

Facilitators/Social Statement Team Members:

Dr. Laurie Jungling, Dr. Kyle Pasewark, Dr. Carmelo Santos & Dr. Samantha Bise

Register online at luthernsnw.org and search under "Events"

This course expands our personal stories, and the natural next question, how does our humanity connect to the voices of others? This course considers the ELCA social statement on Faith and Civic Life and asks what does it mean to bring our whole selves into public and civic space, and not to retreat from a world, nor also to be absorbed by it. If our Fall retreat asked us to tell our story, this course asks us to bring that story into the room where our neighbors' well-being is also included.

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



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



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

Support in the Community

AA, NA, and Al-Anon Meetings

Meeting days & times held at Faith Lutheran

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a mutual aid fellowship where people come together to address their drinking problem. It is free, open to anyone with a desire to stop drinking, and has no age, education, or religious requirements.

Sundays at 5:30p
Tuesdays at 6:30p
Thursdays at 7:00p
Fridays at 7:30p



Al-Anon is a world wide, free, and anonymous fellowship that helps families and friends of people with alcohol use disorder find support, understanding, and recovery. Membership is open to anyone whose life has been affected by someone else's drinking, including spouses, partners, parents, adult children, siblings, friends, coworkers, and roommates. Participants do not need the alcoholic to be in recovery or even acknowledge a problem.

Tuesdays at 6:30p



Narcotics Anonymous (NA) is a global, nonprofit, 12-step fellowship for people recovering from drug addiction, offering free, peer-supported meetings and a message of hope and freedom.

Saturdays at 7:30p

