November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ

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.



Overview of Scripture

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Why are we using the First Nations Version (FNV) *instead of the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition (NRSVUE) for the New Testament readings and Lord's Prayer?*

The First Nations Version is an Indigenous English translation of the Christian Scriptures—primarily the New Testament—created by Native North American translators and published by InterVarsity Press in 2021, with Psalms and Proverbs added in 2025.

November is often a time when the stories of Indigenous people are misread, misunderstood, and misinterpreted. The ***First Nations Version (FNV)*** *is a dynamic-equivalence translation of the Bible crafted to reflect the* ***storytelling patterns, rhythms, and cultural idioms*** *of many First Nations and Native American communities. It aims to communicate Scripture in a way that resonates with Indigenous oral traditions.*



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 (down the hall to the right) after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship.

An all gender restroom is located in the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary. **Gender specific 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 and in the pew racks.

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 *Now Thank We All Our God* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH*+

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
~ Martin Rinkart, c. 1636, tr. Catherine Winkworth 1858

OPENING LITANY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DIADEMATA
SMD

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

ANTHEM *My Eternal King* JANE MARSHALL*+

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing;
Solely because thou art my God, and my Eternal King.
~ Anonymous Latin text, 17th century, translated by Edward Caswell+

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out
their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my
sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays,
and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you
scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and
be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the
LORD have spoken.

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 25:31-46 (First Nations Version)
Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

31 "When the True Human Being comes in all of his power and shining-greatness, along with all of his spirit-messengers, he will sit down in his seat of honor.
32 All nations will be gathered and come before him. He will choose between them like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
33 He will put the sheep on his right side and the goats to his left.
34 "Then the Chief will say to the sheep on his right, 'The blessing of my Father rests upon you. Come into the Land of Creator's good road that has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world.
35 For I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was hungry and you fed me. I was a stranger and you gave me lodging.
36 When I needed clothes, you gave me something to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in prison, you visited me.'
37-39 "'When did we do all these things for you?' the good-hearted ones asked.
40 "'I speak from my heart,' he answered them, 'whatever you did for the least important of my fellow human beings who needed help, you did for me.'
41 "Then the Chief will say to the goats on his left, 'Go away from me, you who have bad hearts, into the fire that burns everything up, made for the evil trickster snake and his messengers.
42 For when I was hungry, you gave me nothing to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me no drink,
43 and when I was a stranger, you turned me away. When I needed clothes, you gave me nothing to wear, and when I was sick and in prison, you failed to visit me.'
44 "'Honored One,' they questioned, 'when was it that we saw you like this and did nothing?'
45 "'I speak from my heart,' he answered back, 'when you did not help the ones who needed it most, you failed to help me.'
46 "Then the goats will go away to the punishment of the world to come that never fades away, and the sheep will enter the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony."

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

SERMON

NICENE CREED
We cannot by our own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ or come to him. But the Holy Spirit calls, enlightens, and sanctifies us--individually and collectively--in faith. Thus, let us confess our faith, in our belief and unbelief, using the words of the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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
….God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer….

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 *He Is King of Kings* CHARLES CALLAHAN

OFFERING PRAYER
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, 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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(First Nations Bible Translation)*

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day — the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so!

COMMUNION INVITATION
In bread and cup, the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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.

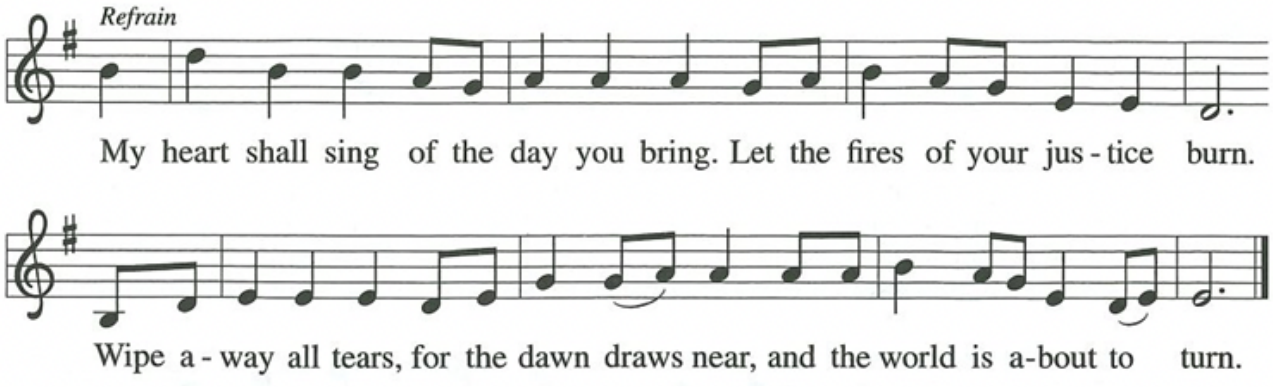
COMMUNION BLESSING
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 723 *Canticle of the Turning* STAR OF COUNTY DOWN





Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: Irish traditional
Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN
Irregular

BLESSING
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *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.

SENDING
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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***Worship Notes:** The setting of **NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT** (*ELW* 840) by **J. S. Bach** – from his 1725 Cantata 79, *Gott, der Herr ist Sonn' und Schild* (*God the Lord Is Sun and Shield*) – is a straightforward presentation of the hymn by the choir, with a spirited accompaniment evocative of German *Biergarten* music.

A noted composer and conductor of sacred choral works, **Jane Marshall** (1924 – 2019) was also a respected music educator and poet. The lifelong resident of Dallas, Texas began studying piano at an early age and started to compose music as a teenager. She served as an organist and choir director in Dallas, taught in the public schools, and held the position of adjunct professor of church music conducting at her alma mater, Southern Methodist University. Her first published choral anthem, ***My Eternal King***, was premiered in March of 1952; it subsequently became an enduring favorite of church choirs and choral directors. The Latin text was translated by the Rev. Edward Caswall (1814 – 1878), translator of two hymn texts in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP
Preaching: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Aileen Ida
Ushers: Carl & Dallas Presley
Fellowship: Kitty Nelson & Suzy Phillips
Altar Guild: Donna Shy
Zoom Host: Rick Brandstetter
Tech Host: Kathy Brandstetter



NEXT WEEK (Nov. 29)
Preaching & Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Cheryl Peters
Ushers: *Still in need!*
Fellowship: Come for Soup & Advent Fair!
Altar Guild: Barb Lovseth
Zoom Host: Mark Strom
Tech Host: Debbie Strom



Blood Drive at Faith Lutheran
Wednesday December 16

Looking for gifts to give? How about the gift of life at Faith's next blood drive!

Date: Wednesday 12/16
Time: roughly 12:00-5:30
Location: FLC Library
Signup link: Use the QR Code below or
https://www.bloodworksnw.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/redirectgroup.html?s=2974
(click the link and scroll down where you'll see links to Faith's Dec and Feb signups)

Blood donations are needed year-round, but they're most critical during holidays when donations drop and fewer people have time to donate. We are looking for 41 donors, so please consider this remarkable gift.

If you wish to donate on a different date, visit www.bloodworksnw.org to search for other sites.

With a song in your heart, please give blood!

Cyndi Musar & Sheryl Schmeling
Blood Drive Coordinators



Advent Devotional

All ages are invited to contribute to the Advent Devotional of Faith Lutheran Church. Each day has an assigned Psalm. The theme for Advent is “Wondering…and…Waiting.”



Advent is a time of waiting. Part of the rhythm of the church year AND the rhythm of our lives includes times of discernment, wondering, waiting, and asking what God is up to in our midst.

You are invited to share a piece of your own **writing,** a **text/blessing/poem** that speaks to you, a piece of **art**, **music**, **and/OR** youtube music video that shares your reflection on the assigned Psalm. Pastor Shannyn and Deacon Liz are available for support or guidance on content. Charmaine H. is available for all other questions and signing up! Use the QR code to sign up or find the direct link in your weekly email.



Advent Fair
Sunday Nov. 29
10:45a-12:30p

Join for a warm soup luncheon, crafts, and make your seasonal Advent wreath. All ages are welcome and please invite friends and neighbors. A sign up to bring soup is in the Library. If you would like to help with the soup lunch please talk to Aileen Ida aileenida@gmail.com or be connected to help organize/lead crafts please talk to Barb Sharkey.

MOVE IN BINS

THE OAKS SHELTER

When a shelter client from The Oaks moves into permanent housing, the people of Faith are there to help! Bins containing the basics needed for housekeeping are assembled and donated. The bins are greatly appreciated by all the clients!

Items needed:

NEW:
Dish soap- 32 fl oz
2 sponges
2 kitchen towels
All-purpose spray cleaner (409 or an equivalent)
Powdered, abrasive cleaner (Comet or Ajax or an equivalent)
Toilet brush
Laundry detergent (50+ loads)
Tissues-1 box
Toilet paper- 2 rolls
Paper towels-1 roll

NEW OR GENTLY USED:
1 bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth
1set of sheets-TWIN, EXTRA LONG
Plastic bin with snap close lid (at least 27 gallon)

Contact Nancy E. with questions



Donate through Nov. 29 and participate at the Advent Fair

Synopsis of Church Council Retreat

On Sunday November 8, after an enjoyable potluck lunch (including Jane Rieke's Jello salad), your Church Council met for their fall retreat.

Discussion focused on both near term and longer term matters. An updated RIC Welcome Statement was approved, potential new FLC logos were reviewed, and personnel related topics such as a reconstituted Personnel Committee and an updated Personnel Manual were discussed.

The path forward from the ongoing congregation discernment conversations was reviewed, which will lead to the identification of a small number of core values and principles to guide Council in the coming years. Roles and responsibilities of the Pastor, other staff, the Council and its committees were discussed, leading to ideas for two potential new committees to be considered, as well as improved documentation of operational procedures.

grant awarded

Faith Lutheran received a **"Building Resilient Communities"** grant from the NWWA Synod to support the Move-In Bins



November 22, 3:00-5:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary, 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA

About *Darkness into Light*: A Meditation on Chorale Preludes of Johann Sebastian Bach
Featured Guest: Organist David Buice

Suggested Donation (at the door): $15 Adults | $10 Seniors & Students (pay as able)

Experience a transcendent musical journey tracing the soul's progression from life's shadows into everlasting light. Echoing the sacred arc of the church year—from the quiet expectation of Advent to the brilliance of Easter and Pentecost—this rich program explores longing, repentance, and hope through Bach's masterworks. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating divine radiance and eternal joy. Selections will be drawn from the Orgelbüchlein, Great Eighteen, Clavier-Übung III, and Miscellaneous Chorales.



All ministries of Faith Lutheran run on donations.

Thank you for whatever you have to share!

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