



# October 12, 2025

## 18th Sunday after Pentecost

### *God Calls Samuel*

#### **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 pastors, 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 the Narrative Lectionary**

*The Narrative Lectionary was developed by Rolf Jacobsen and Craig Koester at Luther Seminary and was introduced in 2010. It is structured as a four-year cycle of readings that align with the academic year, running from September through May. This lectionary focuses on the overarching narrative of the Bible, allowing congregations to engage deeply with the stories of faith from Creation through the life of Jesus and the early church.*

### **Structure and Focus of the Narrative Lectionary**

*Yearly Themes: Each year emphasizes different aspects of the biblical narrative. The readings begin with the early chapters of Genesis and progress through significant events in Israel's history, including the Exodus, the monarchy, and the prophetic voices. The narrative continues into the New Testament, focusing on the life and teachings of Jesus, and concludes with the early church's development.*

*Seasonal Readings: The readings are arranged to follow the church calendar, with specific themes for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. This structure helps congregations connect the stories of the Bible with the liturgical seasons.*

### **Why These Readings?**

*Texts were selected that lead well to the proclamation of what God is doing. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life. Stories from the gospels differ each year, avoiding repetition and highlighting what is distinctive about each gospel's telling of the story of Jesus.*

*The Church Year helped to shape the flow of the Narrative Lectionary. Old Testament readings move through the story of God's dealings with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets who speak of longing and hope. Readings from the gospels fit the movement from Christmas and Epiphany to the Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. Selections from the book of Acts and Paul's letters trace the outward movement of the resurrection message, culminating on Pentecost with readings focusing on the Spirit.*

### **What about a Gospel Reading?**

*When the primary text is not from a Gospel, there is an accompanying Gospel text suggested. During the fall when the primary readings are taken from the Old Testament, and in the spring when primary readings come from the Epistles, a Gospel reading is provided in the schedule. When the primary reading is from the Gospel, the accompanying reading is taken from the Psalms.*

### **How does it work in worship?**

*Many churches find it helpful to read only one lesson each Sunday—Old Testament texts in the fall and New Testament texts from Christmas through Pentecost. Others want a reading from the Gospels during the fall, even though the Old Testament is the main preaching text. To make that possible, brief passages from the Gospels are chosen to accompany (but not to replace) the Old Testament readings in the fall for congregations that find that helpful. In the winter and spring, accompanying texts are taken from the Psalms.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Te Deum Laudamus*

ANONYMOUS, 16TH CENTURY\*

### **INVOCATION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✠ one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us

and all of creation.

**Amen.**

(SING VERSES 1 &amp; 2)



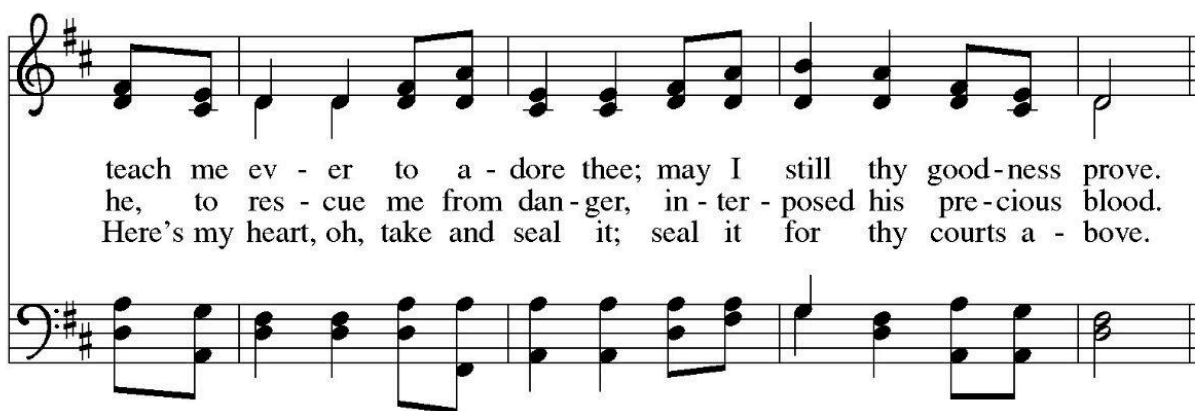
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## GREETING

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.**

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANTHEM

### *Bright Canaan*

ARR. ALICE PARKER & ROBERT SHAW\*+

*O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan.  
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan.  
O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan,  
O, Canaan, it is my happy home. I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

*I'll join with them who've gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan.  
Where sin and sorrows are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

*Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, I am bound for the land of Canaan,  
And higher still our joys they rise, I am bound for the land of Canaan.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### READING 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain

them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL John 20:21-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Word of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 574

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD



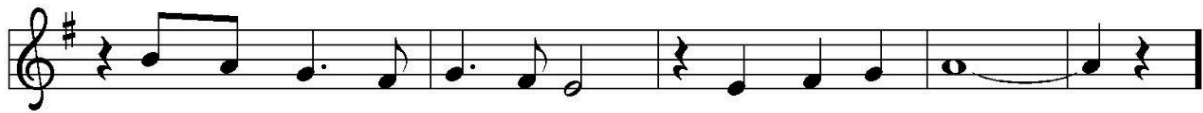
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro - vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946  
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

#### APOSTLE'S 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 power of 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

God of grace...  
...receive our prayer.

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

In response to the gospel proclaimed, let us share our tithes and all our offerings in thanksgiving to God and to spread the gospel in the world.

## OFFERTORY

*Piano Song*

PAUL HALLEY\*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered in talent, time, and treasures,  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*As we gather for communion, all are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. 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.*

## 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.

Let us pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

#### LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### COMMUNION INVITATION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Come, all is ready, all are welcome.

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

#### 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

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



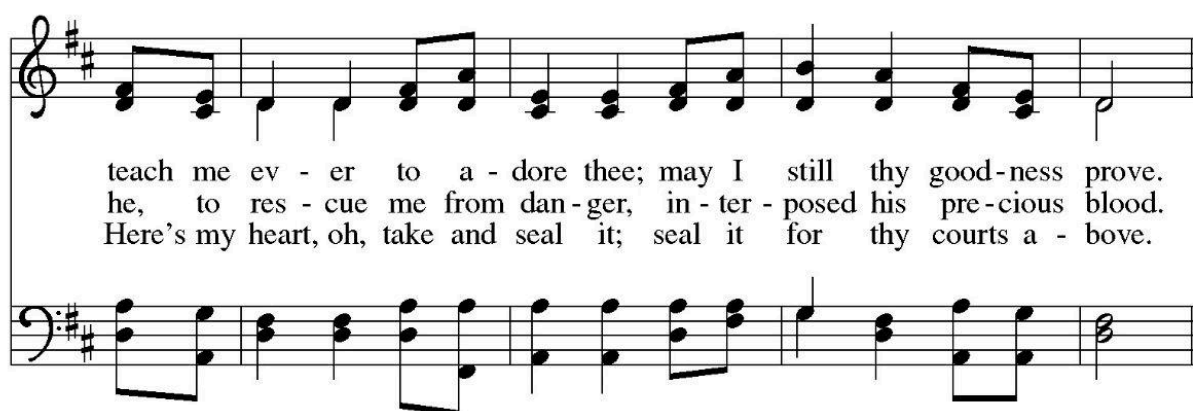
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Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

May God bless your going out  
and coming in from this time forth and forevermore.  
Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

\***WORSHIP NOTES:** The first music printed in France with movable type was published in Paris by Pierre D'Attaignant in 1531; the verses from the **Te Deum** heard at the Call to Worship are from D'Attaignant's collection, the music of unknown authorship.

Many of **Alice Parker's** choral compositions were collaborations with the late **Robert Shaw**, with whom she studied composition and conducting as a student at the Julliard School. ***Bright Canaan*** was the first anthem our choir rehearsed and sang in worship with David Buice as Music Director, eight years ago.

**Paul Halley** is an internationally renowned keyboardist, choral conductor and composer. He has been associated with Manhattan's Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and the Paul Winter Consort; his contributions to the Consort's famous Missa Gaia (Earth Mass) and other Consort projects have been awarded multiple Grammy awards.

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst  
 Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir  
 Reader: Lynn Krog  
 Ushers: Jean & John Bergo  
 Fellowship: Mary Jo Hershly, Sandi & Bob Dexter  
 Altar Guild: Aileen Ida  
 Zoom Host: Debbie Strom  
 Tech Operator: Mark Strom

## NEXT WEEK:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14  
John 7:24

# Join us this afternoon!

## The Third Annual Sanctuary Keyboards Festival

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.



October 12: Lorenzo Marasso, Pianist  
Founder and Music Director, Seattle Chamber Orchestra

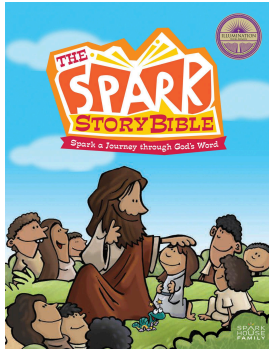
*From Light to Passion:  
Haydn, Mozart, Chopin, Franck & Liszt at the Piano*

**Plan to attend, and bring your friends!**

**Free & open to all.**

# Faith Formation & Education

for all ages



## Elementary Age

See the weekly email or website for links to a weekly pdf. A short at-home lesson and activity can be used with children or grandchildren. The lesson coincides with the scripture reading for Sunday from the Narrative Lectionary. Please feel free to take a Spark Story Bible home with you. They are located in each pew in the sanctuary.

## Confirmation

Confirmation will be a collaboration with five churches: Faith Lutheran, Maple Leaf Lutheran, University Lutheran, Central Lutheran Capitol Hill, and Immanuel Lutheran. Pastor Shannyn will be the main leader. Youth 5th grade-9th grade are invited to participate. Though you can begin in 5th grade, you are welcome to begin *when you feel ready*. The large group will meet at Faith Lutheran from 4:00-5:30p on Sundays:

**October 19:** WHO is God?

**November 16:** WHAT is Christianity?

**December 7:** WHY is faith important and WHEN do we live our lives of Faith?



The small group from Faith will meet once a month on dates TBD (check your email for the Doodle Poll).



## Adult Education

### **Morning Devotions, M-F, 7:00-7:10a**

Gather each morning to start your day with a short devotion led by different church members. Join via Zoom to ground your day in scripture and prayer.



### **Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays 10a**

Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 10:00a via Zoom. Pastor Pam Russell leads the learning and discussion, which gives background information and discussion on the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. Zoom link is on the website and weekly email.

### **Ruth Circle, 3rd Thursday, 12:00 noon**

Ruth Circle meets online on the 3rd Thursday of the month. A fellowship gathering begins at noon followed by Bible Study together from the Gather Magazine. Contact Donna Shy with questions!



### **Women's Book Group: 3rd Tuesday, 7:15p**

The Women's Book Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, rotating between different homes. Each month a new book is chosen for conversation and fellowship. You are invited to join regularly each month or come as your schedule allows. Contact Sheryl Schmeling to get on the reminder email list.

### **Monday Night Education**

**Mondays Oct.13 & 20, Nov. 10 & 17, 7:00-8:00p** via Zoom

Oct 13: The Importance of Empathy and Compassion

Oct 20: The Inreach and Outreach of Faith: How we are engaging empathy and compassion

Nov. 10: Needs of the Community: What do the statistics say?

Nov. 17: Winter Shelter: how it's going, how to get involved

