



# June 14, 2026

## Third 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.  
We are so glad you are here!

### Overview of Scripture

The Annunciation and Magnificat is a beloved part of the Holden Evening Prayer, written in 1986. The tradition at Holden Village is to stand as a congregation/worshipping community while the Magnificat is sung. In the Bless This Night liturgy, written in 2023, a focus was placed on the distress of the story. We often find ourselves living out of distress...from the world, relationships, and our lives. There is a desire to have the pain eased, which leads to the Messianic expectation that is so relevant today. The thought was that the Messiah would come and all would be "fixed" or the problem would be "solved." Instead, God sent the Christ child into a world of violence and war...bringing hope, love, and justice. This recalibrates what we think we need vs what we get. Not just a "fixed problem" but how the Holy Spirit equips us, through Christ, to live our faith and be part of the living kin-dom of God on earth.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Toccata Confutatio*, Part I

NICOLAS BRUHNS\*

## INVOCATION

One: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection. We come as children of Creator, reconciled by grace through the Son, and filled with God's love through the Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

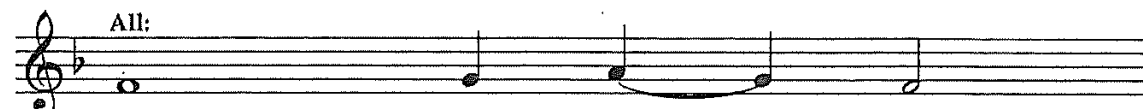
**All: As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

## OPENING LITANY & EVENING HYMN from *Bless this Night*

As a chant



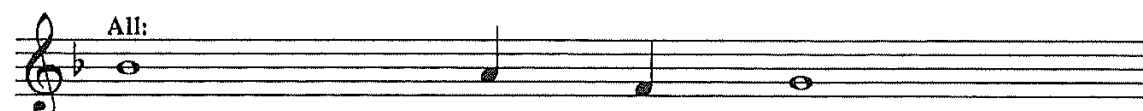
Jesus, you are the life and the truth.



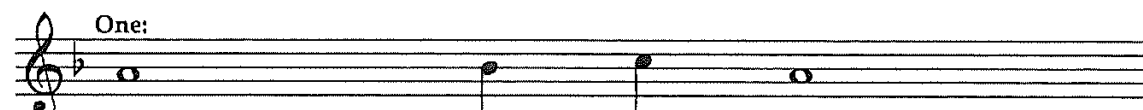
Be with us this eve - ning.



You were there in the be - gin-ning;



You are here with us now.



As the day turns to dusk,

All: Segue to Evening Hymn ↗

prepare us to re - ceive night's bless - ings.

...(bless - ings.)

1. As the eve - ning wind a - ris - es,
2. Cir - cled with cre - a - tion's beau - ty:
3. Voi - ces join - ing with each oth - er,
4. Praise to God, the one who sees me;

dark - ness deep - ens vault - ed skies.  
 rav - en call and riv - er song;  
 stri - ving for a pur - pose clear,  
 Je - sus Christ, be - lov - ed one;

Moun - tain sha - dows fill the val - ley,  
 Life a - bund - ant on our jour - ney  
 make our dai - ly life to - geth - er  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth re - veal - ed;

still and qui - et, dusk ar - rives.  
 stir - ring won - der: we be - long.  
 hard or ea - sy: ev - er dear.  
 all our bless - ings come from you.



In the good - ness of the dark  
 We em - brace deep my - ste - ry,  
 Prac - tice in com - mu - ni - ty  
 Mak - er of the day and night,



for the night - time we pre - pare.  
 loved by God and full of worth.  
 op - ens room for God to start  
 called them good and rest - ed too;



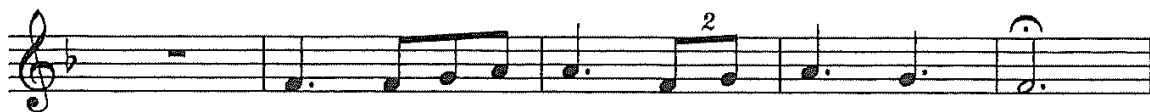
Some claim rest for wea - ry bod - ies;  
 Who are we to be en - trust - ed  
 buil - ding ju - stice for all peo - ple,  
 You who are the breath of li - fe,



oth - ers start the watch in care.  
 with the care of our whole earth?  
 hea - ling wrongs of hard - ened hearts.  
 praise and thanks we give to you.



We gath - er to - geth - er to bless this night!  
 We gath - er to - geth - er to stand in awe!  
 We gath - er to - geth - er to work for peace!  
 We gath - er to - geth - er to praise our God!



We ga - ther to - ge - ther to bless this night!

**GREETING**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: I invite you to join me in a spirit of prayer:  
 Gracious and creating God,

**All:** You love all that you have made. In the beginning, you blessed the night and day, and everything in between. As we gather, may we remember your love for us. May we share that love and be renewed to work for justice and peace. Amen.

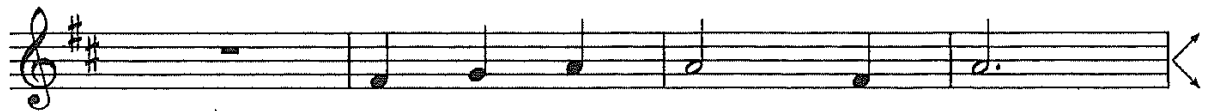
PSALM 121 from *Bless this Night*



1. When I see the moun tains  
2. When our feet are slip - ping



I re - mem - ber my cre - a - tor.  
on our way through un - known per - il,



You are my help in need.  
You watch and stand close by.

Refrain:

God, — You are al - ways with me,  
God, — You are al - ways with us,

sweet\_ sha - dow at my side  
sweet\_ sha - dow at our side

shel - ter - ing me from harm, my  
shel - ter - ing us from harm, our

stead - y shade from sun and moon; the  
stead - y shade from sun and moon; the

keep - er of my life.  
keep - er of our lives.

2nd time To Coda

Coda  
Slower

You keep our go - ing out,

You keep our com - ing in, from

this time on, and for - ev - er - more.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

One: Our help comes from God, who keeps our going out and our coming in. Guide us as we listen to these words.

**All: Amen.**

## READING Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL Luke 1:26-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.  
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name;  
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

SERMON

***Period of silence.***

*During this time, you may hear rustling, coughing, or other human activity. You are invited to focus on your breath, and breathe together with the community that is here.*

One: We listen with open hearts.  
What does God ask of us?

**All: To do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God and each other.**

ANNUNCIATION & MAGNIFICAT from *Bless This Night*



Out of their dis-tress God's peo - ple cried out for



help, for love, for just - ice. They want-ed the pow-er of an



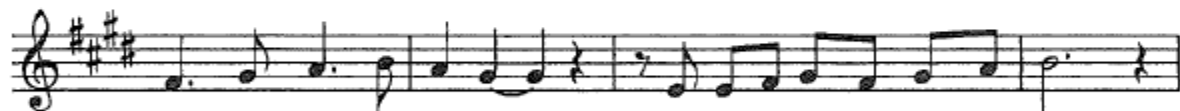
arm-y think-ing it would ease their pain. God, wi-ser than



all, heard their cry and sent a child. An



an-gel told young Mar-y, "A child is to come for



hope, for love, for just-ice. A rev-o-lu-tion in your womb!



Will you bear the sav - ior, Je - sus?"



Ma-ry rose in awe, "How can this be?"



Then she ex-claimed with fear and joy:

Segue to Magnificat ↗



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord! And my



spir - it de - lights in my sav - ior!



God has seen my low - li - ness and



blessed me. I will serve.



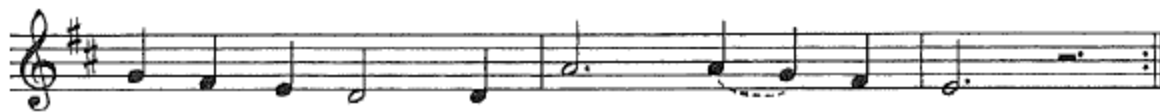
1. Of all the peo - ple in this day and time
2. God's arm of ju - stice ri - ses high.




I have been set a - part; my heart is a - flame.  
Ar - ro-gant peo - ple scatt-ered, chaff in the wind.

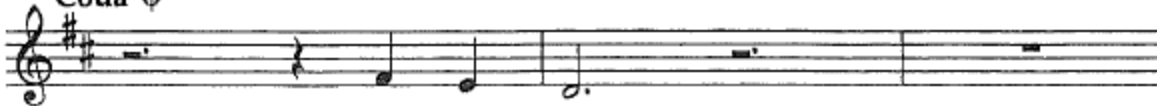


Pow - er - ful in - vi - ting love re - vealed!  
Ty - rants torn down, the low - ly lift - ed up.




Ho - ly and great is God's glor - i - ous name!  
To those who hun - ger: food with - out end!


Coda 



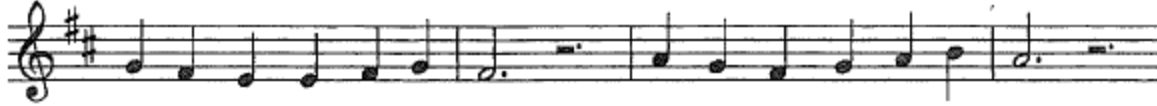
I will serve.




3. We re-mem-ber God's prom - is - es to all, de -



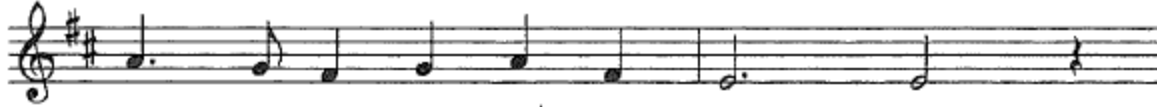
clared to our an - ce - stors Sar - ah and Ab - ra - ham:



just-ice and mer-cy for all, just-ice and mer-cy for all!




My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord! And my



spir - it de - lights in my sav - ior!



God has seen my low - li - ness and



blessed me. I will serve.

## PRAYERS

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

...God of grace,  
...**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**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

With thanksgiving, we share our tithes and offerings with God for the work of ministry in the world.

## OFFERTORY

*Toccata Confutatio, Part II*

NICOLAS BRUHNS\*

## OFFERING PRAYER

One: Loving God,

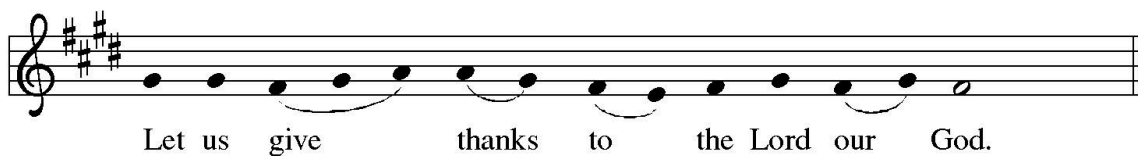
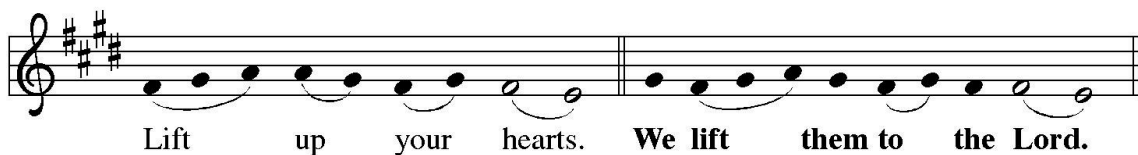
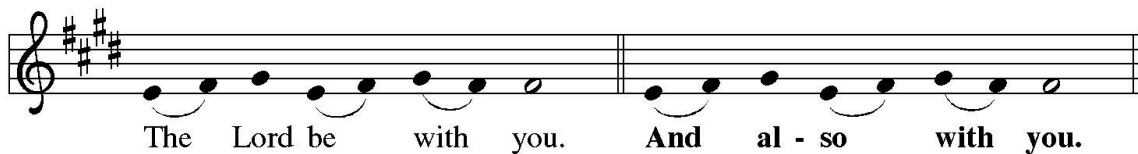
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.**

#### 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

One: Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

BLESSING from *Bless this Night*

One: The world is ever turning.

**All: Turning toward hope, toward love, toward justice.**

One: May it be so.

Blessed by the God of life, we  
go out in - to this night to stretch and  
grow, wan - der and won - der!  
Now to rest, to work, or to play; we  
thank you O God for the bless-ing of this night.

A - - - men.

One: We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.

**All: You keep our going out,  
You keep our coming in,  
From this time on and forever more.**

SENDING

One: Go in peace. Know that you are enough, you are whole, and you are holy.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** Nicolas Bruhns' great *Praeludium in E Minor* was partially excerpted last Sunday; the remaining sections of this Baroque masterpiece are heard in this morning's service. The formal procedure of the music provides a framework for extreme contrasts of registration and moods: a high energy *exordium*, reflective *narratio*, dramatically rhetorical *propositio*, chaotic *confutatio*, an intense *confirmatio* that begins with resolution and ends in cataclysm, and a flamboyant *peroratio* to bring the "musical play" to its end. Bruhns's *Praeludium*, a touchstone of the North German Baroque's *stylus phantasticus*, clearly shows the composer's mastery of both northern and southern national influences, and even manages evocations of France and Iberia. Its "fiery" sounds are well suited to the season of Pentecost.

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice

Reader: Linda Mihalov

Ushers: Jean & John Bergo

Fellowship: Barb & Rick Friedhoff

Altar Guild: Aileen Ida

Zoom Host: Debbie Strom

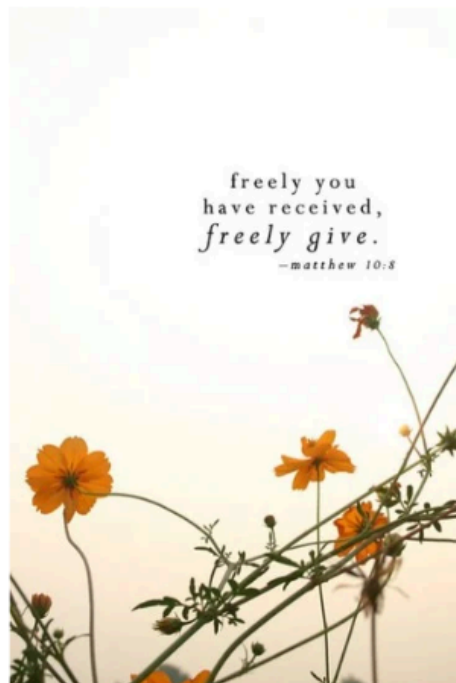
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**NEXT WEEK:**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Romans 8:18-27

Luke 11:1-4



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About the Service  
*Blessing This Night*

Holden Village has a legacy of creating liturgical music that reflects the Village's commitment to inclusive and contemporary language. We seek to add to that musical repertoire and hope that this service is used only as long as it is relevant to the community.

This service generally follows a traditional vespers service format with one important and intentional difference. A traditional vespers service focuses on themes of light overcoming darkness. We sought to create an evening service that celebrates darkness and does not create a binary opposition between light and dark. While we acknowledge that these metaphors are found throughout the Bible, we also recognize that these associations have been implicitly and explicitly used to cause harm, especially for people and communities of color. We also believe that moving beyond oppositional binaries helps us recognize and celebrate the diversity of God's creation.

Thus, this service seeks to honor twilight, dusk, night, and darkness as times of blessing and renewal in our lives. The service also has themes of creation and justice, and recognizes all bodies as holy.

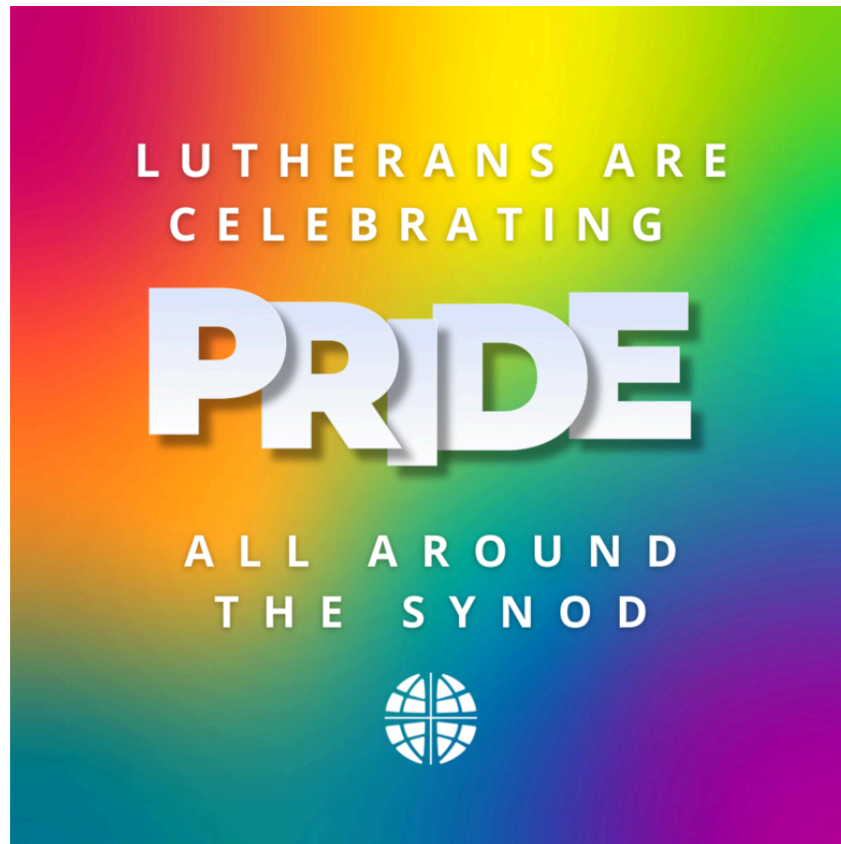
All scriptural texts were translated into English from the original languages. We drew inspiration for the Opening Litany from John 1. The text for the Evening Hymn was partially inspired by Genesis 1 and Psalm 8. We also acknowledged Hagar, an enslaved woman-the first person to dare give God a name-who called God El Roi, or God Who Sees Me (Genesis 16:13). Despite her pain and struggle, Hagar receives God's blessing.

In Psalm 121, we focused on verses 5 and 6 rather than the more familiar verses 1 and 2, emphasizing the theme of God as protector of the individual and the community.

The Angel's Announcement and Mary's Song are from Luke 1 and the Prayer of Jesus follows Luke 11:1-2 and Matthew 6:9-13.

Thanks to the 2022-23 winter community at Holden Village for support, encouragement, and feedback. Special thanks to Laura Elmquist who arranged the C instrument score and provided valuable assistance through the writing process.

G. Mark Griffith  
Rachel J. Joy  
Heather L. Griffith  
Steve Wolbrecht  
Holden Village, June 2023



### **The NW Washington Synod has PRIDE!**

The NW Washington Synod is proud to be a Reconciling in Christ synod and there are many opportunities to join in and celebrate during the 2026 Pride Season. **Click on the link in the weekly email or scan QR code below** for the NW Synod Pride webpage for more information on the Seattle Pride Parade and other Pride events.

### **Seattle PRIDE Parade**

Join the NW Synod in marching in the Seattle PRIDE parade again on Sunday, June 28. We are limited to 200 persons. **If you would like to join the NW Synod Pride Parade email Emily at [office@faithseattle.org](mailto:office@faithseattle.org) by June 15.**

**PSST! The NW Synod has some cool, colorful PRIDE bandanas available - \$5 each.** Contact Susan in the synod office at [susan@lutheransnw.org](mailto:susan@lutheransnw.org) to purchase pride bandanas.

SCAN ME!

