

November 15, 2026
25th 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.

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!

Overview of Scripture
Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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.*
Key Features
- ***Dynamic equivalence*** *translation style to mirror Indigenous oral storytelling.*
- ***Names rendered in Native naming patterns*** *(e.g., Mary → "Bitter Tears," David → "Much Loved One").*
- ***Collaborative translation council*** *of twelve Indigenous elders, pastors, and community members from over 25 tribes.*
- ***Led by Terry M. Wildman****, who is of Ojibwe and Yaqui heritage.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Te Deum Laudamus* ANONYMOUS, 16TH CENTURY*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

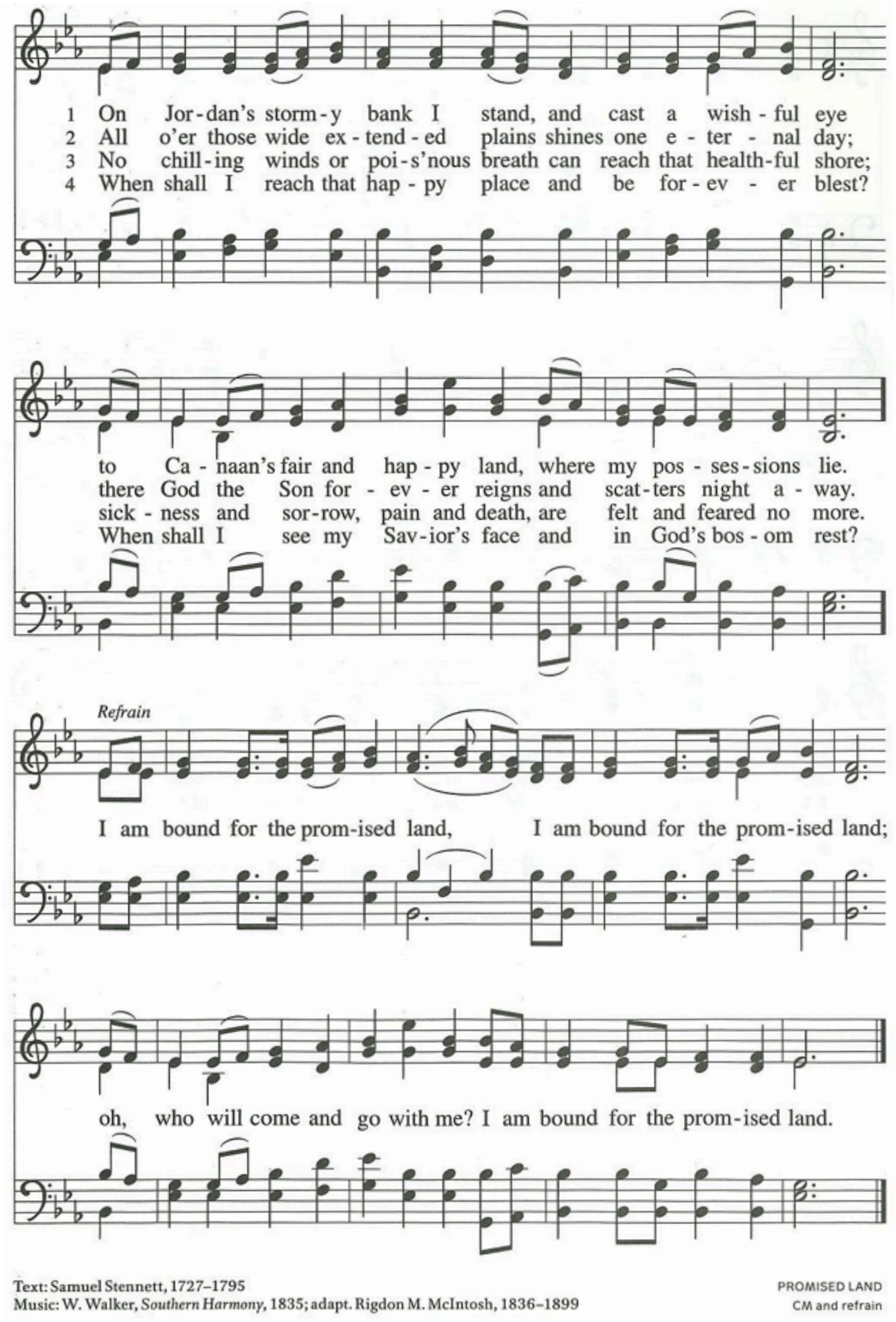
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN 437 *On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand* PROMISED LAND



Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

PROMISED LAND
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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 25:14-30 (First Nations Version)
Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

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

“Here is another way to see how the Creator’s good road from above will come: It is like a tribal headman preparing for a long journey. He gathered three trusted tribal members together to give them charge of his goods during his journey.

He gave five herds of horses to one, two herds to another, and one herd to the third man, giving each one according to his ability to make a good trade. After that he left on his journey.
The man with five herds of horses went to work right away, traded well, and earned five more. In the same way the one with two herds used them to gain two more. But the one who had only one kept the herd well hidden and safe from thieves.

Many moons passed before the headman returned from his journey. He gathered the trusted tribal members together to see how well they had traded.

The one given five herds came forward and said, ‘Look, I have gained five more!’
‘You have served me well, my good and trusted friend,’ the headman said, ‘You have done well with a small amount, now I will give you much more.’

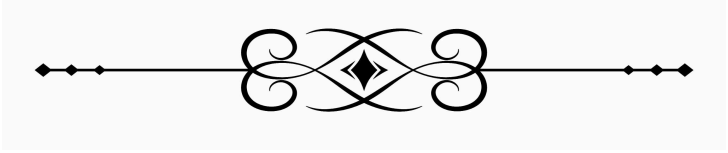
The one given two herds also came forward and said, ‘Look, I have gained two more!’
‘You have served me well, my good and trusted friend,’ the headman said, ‘You have done well with a small amount, now I will give you much more.’
But the one given one herd came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your herd in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’
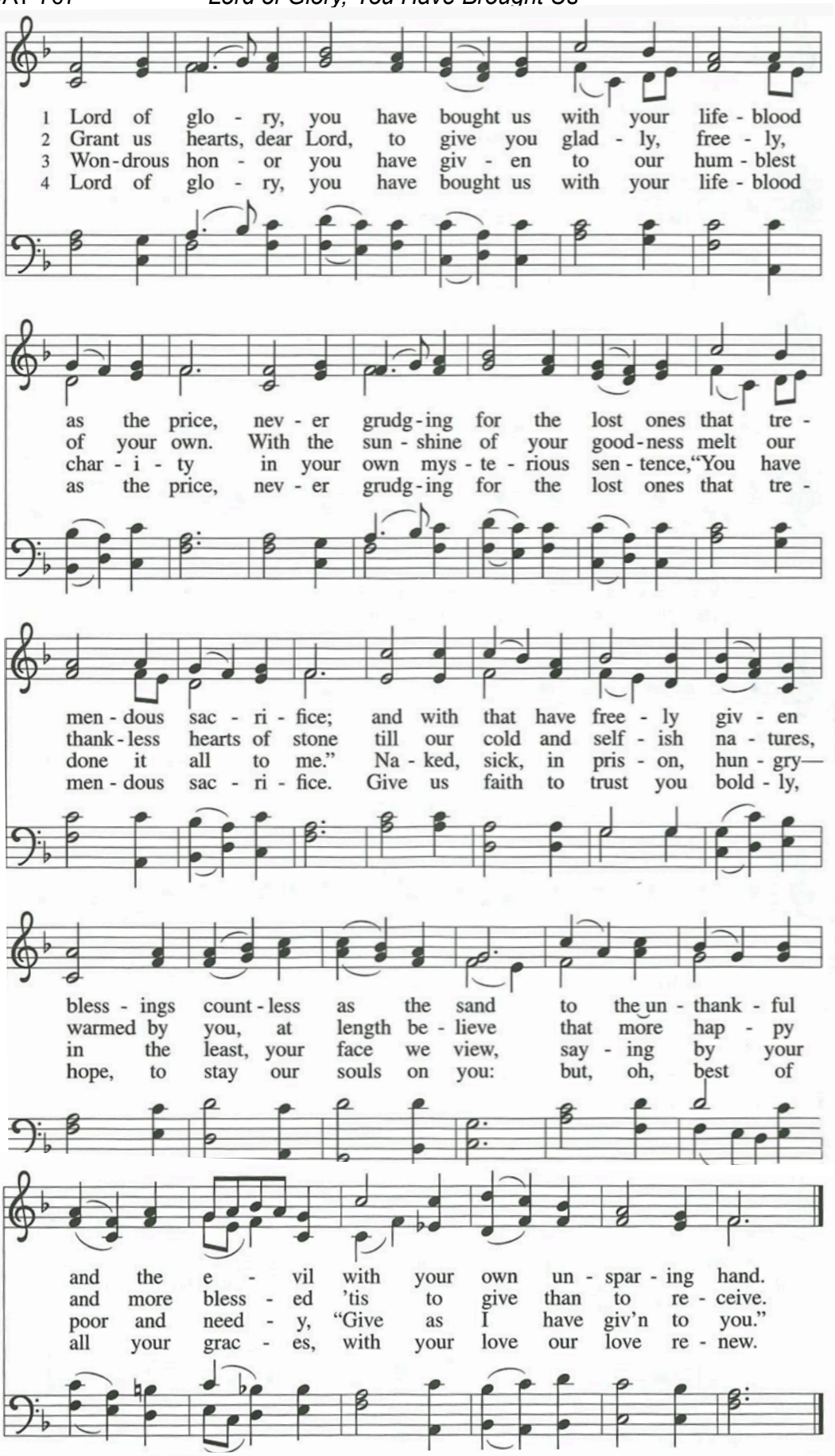
The headman said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my herd on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

So take the herd from him and give it to the one who has ten herds. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON





Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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PRAYERS
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

…God, in your mercy…
…hear our prayer…

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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 *Piano Song* PAUL HALLEY*

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *In Remembrance of Me* BURYL RED*+
WITH MERLE HARRIS, CELLO

In remembrance of me, eat this bread; in remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick; in remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

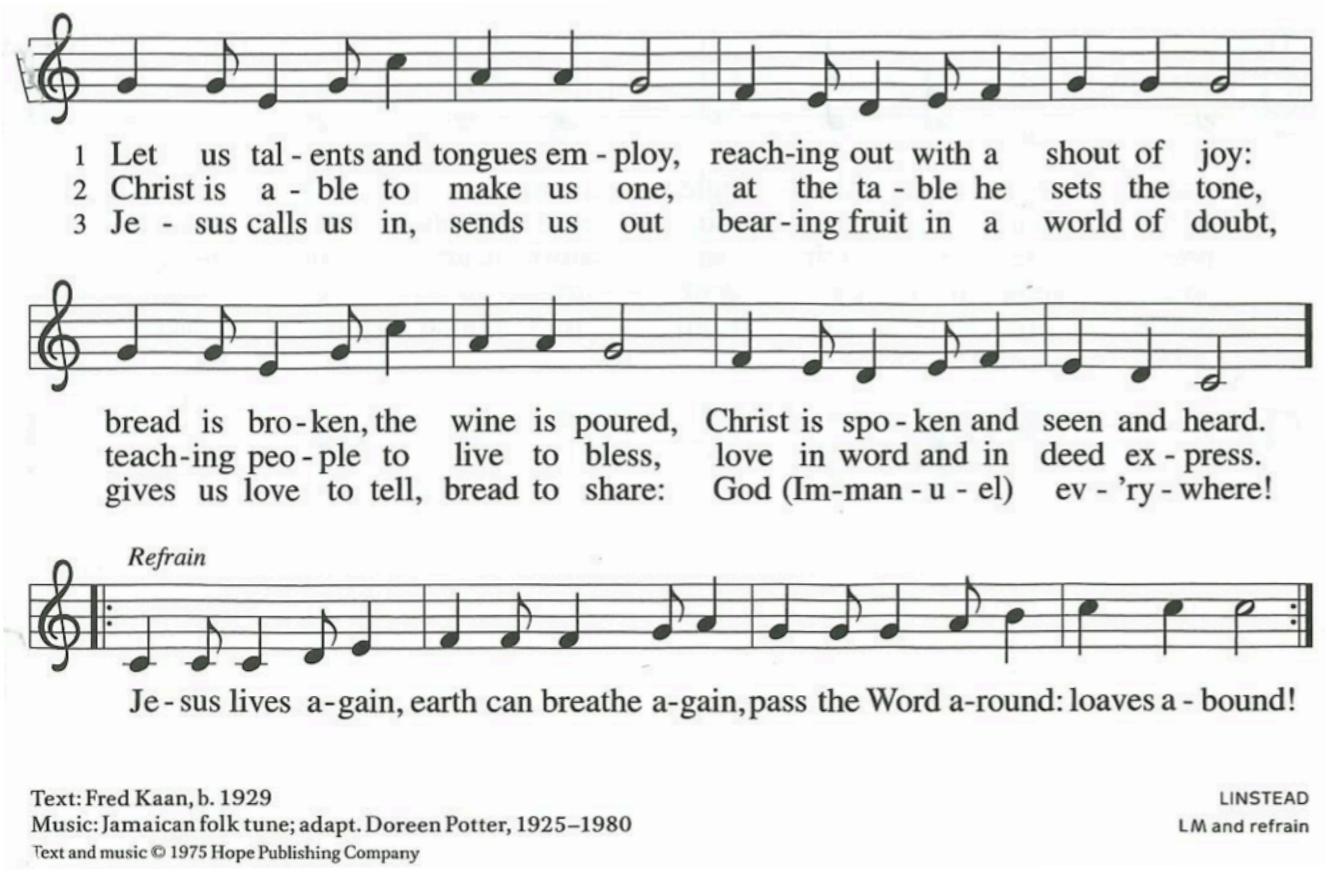
Take, eat, and be comforted,
Drink, and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.
In remembrance of me, search for truth; in remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart.
Look in your heart for God.
~ Ragan Courtney*

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 674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD



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 *Do This in Remembrance of Me* BURYL RED*+

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

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Worship Notes:** The first music printed in France with moveable 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.

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.

The Music During Communion is from *Celebrate Life!* by **Buryl Red** and **Ragan Courtney**. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Buryl Red graduated from Baylor and Yale Universities, and is internationally recognized for his work as composer, conductor, producer, and arranger. *Celebrate Life!* – published in 1972 – is considered a landmark in its field. Red and Courtney were honored with the inclusion of their song, ***In Remembrance of Me***, in *The African-American Heritage Hymnal* published in 2001**.**

Thanks to **Merle Harris** for adding the cello's voice to this morning's worship service!

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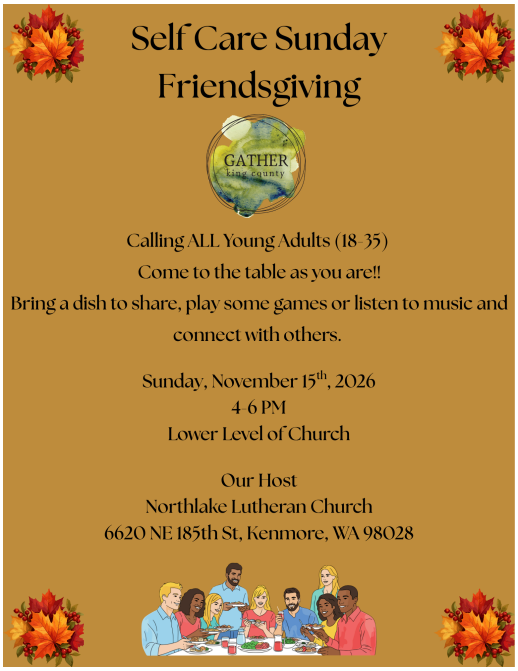
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TODAY IN WORSHIP
Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Merle Harris
Reader: Lynn Krog
Ushers: Susan & Eric Lansverk
Fellowship: Nancy & Jamie Estill
Altar Guild: Suzanne Phillips
Zoom Host: Pat Wilson
Tech Host: Wally Powelson



NEXT WEEK (Nov. 22)
Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir
Reader: Aileen Ida
Ushers: *This could be you!!*
Fellowship: Suzy Phillips & Kitty Nelson
Altar Guild: Donna Shy
Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter
Tech Host: Rick Brandstetter





Self Care Sunday Friendsgiving: TODAY

(GATHER King County)
November 15th, 2026 4-6PM at Northlake Lutheran Church (6620 NE 185th St, Kenmore, WA 98028) in the lower level of the church.

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.

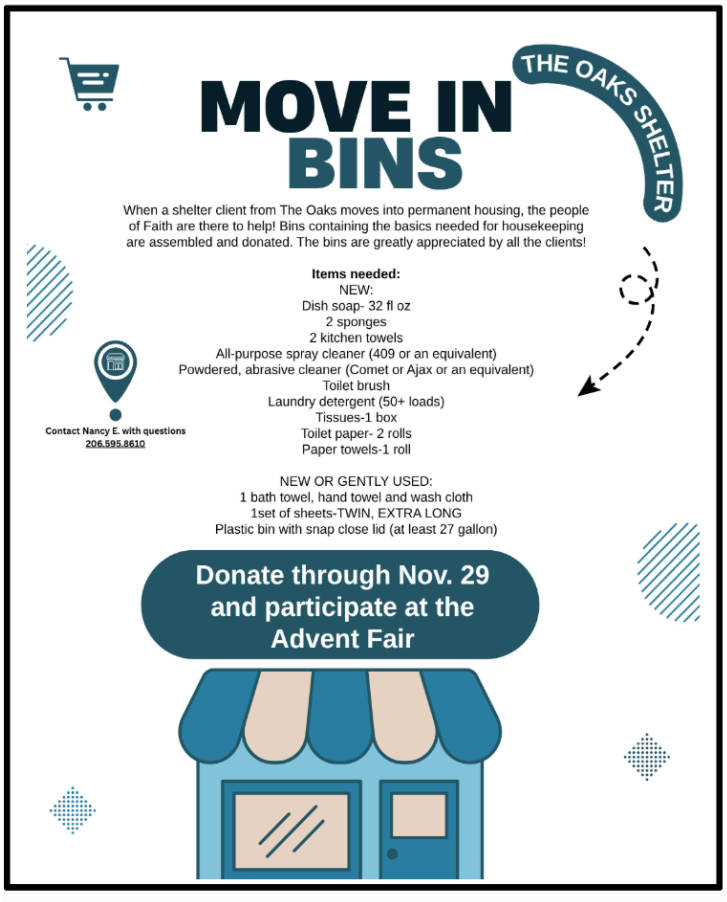
Advent Devotional

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.









Nov 22, 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary, 196th St SW, Seattle, 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.