



## Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

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### Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, 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.

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## 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!



## GATHERING

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

### INTRODUCTION

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**C: the courageous and the fearful,**

P: the hungry and the hopeful,

**C: the impatient and the reserved.**

P: God welcomes the young and the old,

**C: the poets and the prophets,**

P: the faithful and the tired,

**C: the curious and the convicted.**

P: Wherever you are on your journey,

wherever your boat is at sea,

**C: there is room for all to gather here.**

P: This is God's house.

**C: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.

Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.

And here's what I mean:

In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.

This is our moment to crawl out of the boat.

So friends, let's be like Peter.

Join me in being courageous.

Join me in truth-telling.

Join me in prayer.

It's time to get our feet wet.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Gracious God,**

**There are days that threaten to swallow us,  
days when the storms of life feel too big.**

**In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,  
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.**

**Forgive us for doubting ourselves.**

**Forgive us for doubting you.**

**Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.**

**With hope in our hearts we pray,**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Family of faith,

You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter,  
or fall to your knees and stay in one place.

No matter what you do,

Christ's love for you is unchanging.

Fearful or brave,

faithful or doubting,

Christ is always walking toward you.

So hear and believe this good news:

God's love is stronger than any storms.

On our best days,

and on our worst days,

we are seen, forgiven, and loved.

God is always walking toward you.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
 Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C:** **And also with you.**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
C: **As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

### KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

P: Holy God,  
There are days where the wind is loud.  
There are days where the rain tears through the trees  
and the storms of life beg for our attention.  
So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts.  
Quiet our restless minds. Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word  
so that we might hear, really hear, your message to us today.  
With one foot out of the boat, we pray,

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Prayer for Guidance*

ALLEN POTE\*

*Teach me thy ways, make them known unto me.  
Teach me to live according to your truth.  
Because you are my Savior, all day long I trust in you.  
O remember your kindness and constant love,  
Which you have shown from long ago.  
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.  
Remember me, O Lord. Teach me, O Lord.  
~ from Psalm 25*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING

**Psalm 22:23-31**

You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
24 For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me  
but heard when I cried to him.  
25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!  
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.  
29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.  
30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord  
31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW 613*

*Thy Holy Wings*

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,





and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
 Music: BRED DINA VIDÅ VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C: I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.  
 I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.  
 I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.  
 I believe in a God who knows my name.  
 I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.  
 Amen.**

**PRAYERS**

**R: ...Lord, in your mercy  
 C: ...Hear our prayer.**

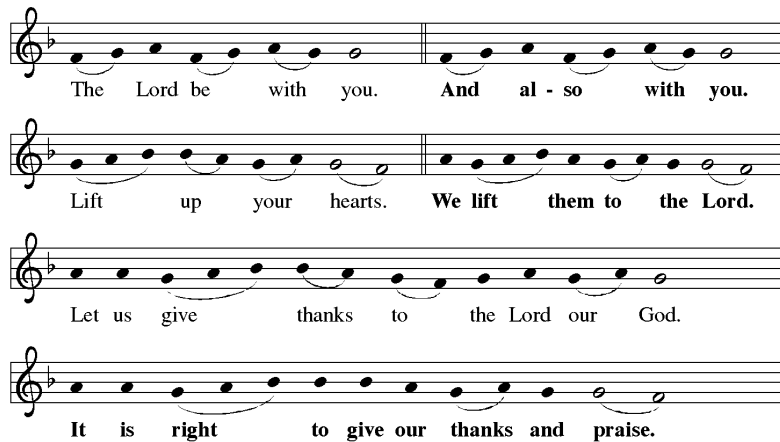
**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Song of Remembrance*

LYDIA HERHOLDT, ARR. LIZ STORY

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
 You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
 and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
 that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
 we may come to the fullness of your grace.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

#### LORD'S 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.**

#### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. All are welcome to this table of grace and forgiveness.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ACS 987

## Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

Leader

All

1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

## BLESSING

P: Beloved wanderer,  
as you leave this place,  
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.  
May you look for God in every face.  
May you find the courage to get out of the boat,  
to run to the tomb,  
and to speak of your faith.

And when the world falls apart,  
may you hear God's voice deep within,  
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."  
You are called.  
You are blessed.

In both your ups and your downs,  
you always belong to God.  
Go now in peace.  
Go trusting that good news.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*All Day Long I Trust in You*

ALLEN POTE\*

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** Thanks to **Kathy Brandstetter** for sharing her musical gifts in this morning's Call to Worship!

**Edouard Van Cleeff** was a French composer in the first third of the twentieth century. He also happened to be a cousin of clarinetist **Kathy Brandstetter's** Great Grandfather. This morning's musical Call to Worship, composed in 1920, was originally set for voice and piano, employing a text – portions of which became signals to the French Resistance, of the imminent D-Day invasion in World War II – by the great French poet Paul Verlaine. Thanks to Kathy Brandstetter for transposing, for clarinet, this beautiful music, and for sharing her musical gifts in worship!

***What's up with the silent organ...?!*** Reflecting the relative "austerity" of the Lenten season, this year the Sanctuary organ is silent for the first, second, third and fifth Sundays during Lent, as well as on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Those who are missing the organ's contribution to worship can enjoy the instrument, in all its expressive ability, at the recital to be presented on Sunday afternoon, March 23.

**Allen Pote** was born in 1945 in Kansas; he graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in Church Music. As a Fulbright Scholar he studied in Belgium; he also studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. For more than two decades he served as Director of Music in churches in Texas and Florida, and currently lives in Pensacola, Florida, working as a full-time composer as well as co-directing, with his wife, Susan, the nationally known Pensacola Children's Choir of more than two-hundred singers.

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**Scripture Passages  
For Next Sunday:**

Psalm 19  
Matthew 16:13-20

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst  
Music: David Buice, Kathy Brandstetter, Chancel Choir  
Reader: Jean Bergo  
Ushers: John Hushagen and Julie Pierce  
Zoom Host: Debbie Strom  
Video Tech: Wally Powelson  
Altar Guild: Suzanne Phillips  
Fellowship: Donna Shy and Sandra Cusick



MARCH Sign Up

Reader/Usher/Fellowship



APRIL Sign Up

Reader/Usher/Fellowship

**David Buice, Organist ~ *Si Baroque, non fige***

Music by Anselm Viola, Georg Frideric Handel, Georg Böhm,  
Dietrich Buxtehude, Johann Caspar Kerll and Nicolaus Bruhns

~ Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m. ~

**Healing Creation:**



*Sacred Hope in Action*

**Healing Creation: Sacred Hope in Action Retreat**  
Saturday, April 5th from 9am-3pm,  
Location TBD

Hope, active in love, provokes us to join in God’s work of healing creation. Grounded in the image of the Tree of Life in Revelation, Biblical scholar Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing will explore how God’s creation prompts us into action and calls the church into a more expansive identity.

Rev. Erik Kindem and members of the Peace Lutheran Creation Care Team will explore ways to connect the dots between our worship life and the natural world, as well as offer practical actions for daily life. Come, be inspired by these, and other leaders whose hearts beat for restorative justice and the healing of God's creation.

**Two ways to find more information and to register.**

Go to [www.lutheransnw.org](http://www.lutheransnw.org) and look in the events section.

Or [CLICK HERE](#) for a direct link.

Faith members use code “LIVEBundle2024” to register for free.



### Holy Week Services:

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17 at 7:00p

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18 at 7:00p

All services will be in person  
and via zoom. Zoom link is on  
the website.



## Wednesdays in Lent

**6:00p** Dinner

**6:20p** Children's Learning &  
Activity Time

**7:00p** Holden Evening Prayer  
(March 12, April 9)

**Holden Bless This Night**  
(March 19, 26, April 2)

**Held in the church library & narthex**

### **AHA / CPR / AED Class** **Official American Heart Association (AHA)** **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)**

Saturday April 12 in the FLC Library.

Faith Lutheran Church members are invited to register for a complimentary official HeartSaver CPR & AED training class using the AHA HeartSaver curriculum workbook, videos, and manikins with CPR feedback and AED trainers for skills practice.

Class size is limited to 4 people for each of two sessions.

Class times are 9 am - 12 noon, and 1 pm - 4 pm.

Class is conducted by Eileen Reichert, Basic Life Support (BLS) Instructor.

To register for the class, contact Eileen at 206-930-3276 or in person.



MARCH 16, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT

taking+  
faith  
home

*Jesus' compassion is greater than our misguided ways.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
Monday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Stand firm in the Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:6-11	Helping Christian leaders
Thursday	James 5:7-12	Patience in suffering
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-29	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalms 27	A song of trust
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I [Jesus] desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." Luke 13:34 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you are the source of all goodness and our salvation; give us confidence in your care through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Psalm 27:1)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that cares for us with this gift of food, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus be your strength and protection.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Want Jesus to  
Walk with Me*

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faith  
home

### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you respond to someone who is being treated unfairly?
- Jesus stood firm against those who opposed him. Would you do the same? Explain.

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 13:31-35.

Jesus stands firm against powers that oppose him. He opposes the Roman government that alone has the power to execute him. He opposes religious leaders who have killed God's prophets. He speaks against those who cannot or will not see the healing he brings (first described in Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' desire is to gather in misguided people who oppose him, much like a hen gathers in her chicks to protect them. This compassionate image of care is a strong contrast to acts of violence. Jesus refuses to let concern for his safety deter him from his task to go to Jerusalem where he will meet betrayal, suffering, and death. His reference to "on the third day" (v. 32) is a clue that his work has not ended until the day of his resurrection. This Lent we reflect on the depth of our misguided ways and the greater depth of God's love in Jesus that will not be stopped.

*Discuss:* How might some of your actions or thoughts appear to be misguided ways?

*Pray:* **Loving God, forgive us when we stray from your compassionate ways and strengthen us to follow Jesus who died that we may live. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you speak up for someone who is being mistreated?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Prayer is an important spiritual practice for Christians. During this Lenten season, take time to focus on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4). This second week in Lent we reflect on "Your kingdom come" (v. 2b). Add this to verse 2a from the first week in Lent by writing it outside of the cross drawn on the paper the first week. Take a moment to think or talk about what this verse means to you.

*Pray:* The Lord's Prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



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