



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in the 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 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 love to join you in fellowship time together. **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.

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. We find this to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of 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

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rigaudon

ANDRÉ CAMPRA*

GATHERING

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**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
+ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath - ered,



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je-sus, for you.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyiri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyiri

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GREETING

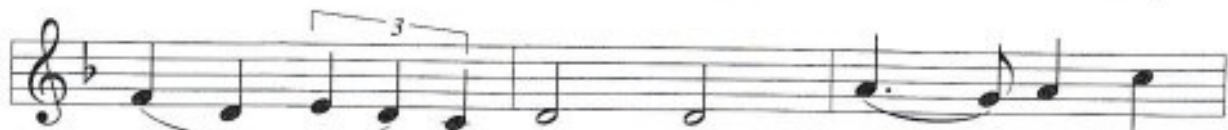
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son,



Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Chri - ste e -



le - i - son, Christ, _____ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, _____ Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain
Assembly

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics 'This is the feast of'. The second line continues with 'vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.' The third line starts with a first ending bracket labeled '1, 2' and contains the lyrics 'Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and'. The fourth line continues with 'blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.' The fifth line begins with a second ending bracket labeled '3' and contains the lyrics 'Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of'. The sixth line continues with 'all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,'. The seventh line contains the lyrics 'glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.' The eighth line contains the lyrics 'This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our'. The final line contains the lyrics 'God. Al - le - lu - ia.' The score concludes with a double bar line.

This is the feast of
vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

1, 2
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

3
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of
all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,
glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our
God. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BLESSING

P: Gracious God, as we place our hands on these Quilts & Kits, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

C: **We celebrate being the children of God.**

P: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts & Kits: donations of health items, baby items, quilts, and more.

C: **We celebrate generosity.**

P: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the Quilts & Kits, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one's hands and heart for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

C: **We celebrate community.**

P: We send these Quilts & Kits as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their Quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

We pray that these Quilts & Kits will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongings. That the health items may provide self care and prevention from illness. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

C: **We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.**

P: We remember those who have received our Quilts & Kits in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

C: **We celebrate the gift of life.**

P: We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

TRADITIONAL IRISH,
ARR. BOB CHILCOTT+

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.*

~ Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne, versified Eleanor Hull (abr.)+

READING

Acts 18:1-4

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 721

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
(SING TWICE)

GOODNESS IS STRONGER



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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APOSTLE'S CREED

C: 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 Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell,
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

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

P: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with God's peace.



MEAL _____

OFFERING

As we gather for communion, you 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. Individual wafers and grape juice for at home communion are available in the church office.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: 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'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is ready. All are welcome to this table of grace and forgiveness.

LAMB OF GOD

Assembly

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 DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 496

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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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: Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING HYMN 650

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

BOB CHILCOTT+

SENDING

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***WORSHIP NOTES:** **André Campra** was a key figure in the renaissance of French opera in the first half of the eighteenth century. He served as music director at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris, and worked at the Académie royale de musique and the royal chapel at Versailles. **Rigaudon** – a lively French Provençal dance – is from the incidental music of Campra's opera *Idoménée*; a favorite of organists for many years, it is one of the pieces that inspired our Music Director's childhood desire to study the organ.

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**Scripture Passages
For Next Sunday:**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Cheryl Peters

Ushers:

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Video Tech: Rick Brandstetter

Altar Guild: Barb Lovseth

Fellowship: Bob and Sandi Dexter

SANCTUARY LEARNING

With the new organ and redone chancel area, the worship committee has discussed the “look” and function of the chancel area space, considering long-term options. We often see areas within the sanctuary but do not always know what they mean. For the next number of weeks, enjoy some learning.

Baptismal Font

The place where the water is held when baptisms take place. Today the position of the baptismal font varies. It can be in one of three places: just inside the doors, in the nave in front of the congregation, or behind the chancel. In churches that usually administer baptism by pouring, the baptism font consists of a stand with a water basin on top. It could be a permanent structure in the front of the congregation or just inside the church doors, or it could be a portable structure that only appears when there is a baptism. In Protestant churches that administer baptism by immersion, the font is a large tank that is located in the front of the church, either behind the chancel or to one side.

Chancel

In churches with a [historic floor plan](#), the chancel is the front part of the church from which the service is conducted, as distinct from the [nave](#), where the [congregation](#) sits. The chancel is usually an elevated platform, usually three steps up from the nave. In churches with a [lecture-hall floor plan](#), the term [sanctuary](#) is often used to mean both chancel and nave because the two are not architecturally distinct. In the historic floor plan, the words chancel and sanctuary are often synonyms.



Darkness into Light

A Meditation on Chorale Preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach

David Buice, Organist

Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

TODAY!

ZOOM ACTIVITIES:

*To take part, click on an event below
at the designated time.*

Monday - Friday: 7:00a 10 min. Morning Devotions

Mondays: 7:00p Adult Education
7:00p What's Next (4th Monday)

Tuesdays: 9:45a Yoga
7:00p Synod-Wide Bible Study

Wednesdays: 10:00a FLC Bible Study
5:30p Yoga

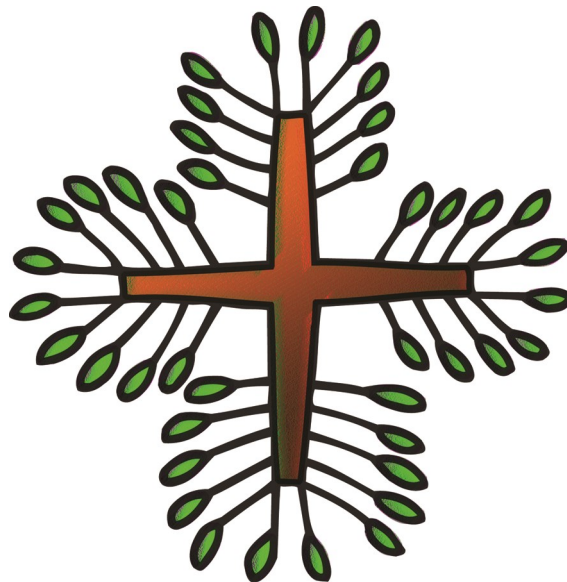
Thursdays: 12:00p Ruth Circle (3rd Thurs)

Fridays: 11:00a Coffee Fellowship

Synod-Wide "Abide in the Word" Bible Study

Tuesdays 7-8pm via zoom.

The link to join is on the homepage of the Faith website.
NO registration necessary—just log on.



Please enjoy this letter from Jodi Richey, Executive Director, Bridge of Promise

Dear Faith Lutheran Congregation!

I want you to personally know how grateful I am to each and every one of you in the congregation for the love, kindness, and support we at Bridge of Promise have felt. My heart is full every time I think about the opportunity, we are going to have to serve more families, and partnering with you all is something we, at Bridge of Promise are so excited about! We were just at your space for a parent meeting and when I asked the parents of these children with disabilities if they had any questions one dad's reply was something I will never forget. He said, "We have all felt invisible for so long that it feels so good to be seen!" I want you to all know that you are a part of this beautiful story for these families. Thank you!

You will never know what the impact of opening your building to Bridge of Promise will mean to all these individuals. Just please know that I am grateful beyond words. You are all true examples of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Also, I wanted to give you a short update on when your space and our program will be up and running. As some of you may not know we acquired a very large new space for our program in Bellevue! It was an offer we just couldn't turn down but what this meant was all hands on-deck for the past couple of months. Which has put us behind in other areas. We are now in the process of ramping up to hire staff, meet new families, and get prepared to open our doors in September.

Our hope is to see many of you over the course of the summer as we start setting up for our new space. I, personally, am so excited to meet of all personally and give you the opportunity to meet our amazing members. I promise that your lives will forever be changed.

Thanks again for allowing us to utilize your space, but most importantly for letting us into your hearts.

With much love,
Jodi



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