

# June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

# **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.

# (Velcome

# 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!

# INTRODUCTION

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Toccata Confutatio

**NICOLAS BRUHNS\*** 

# THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

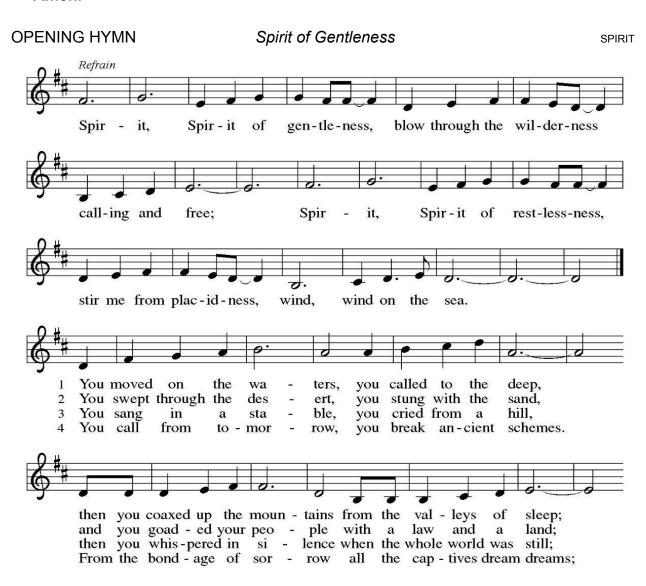
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

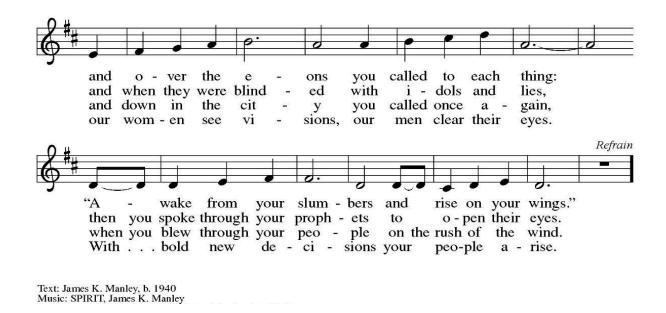
waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.





# **GREETING**

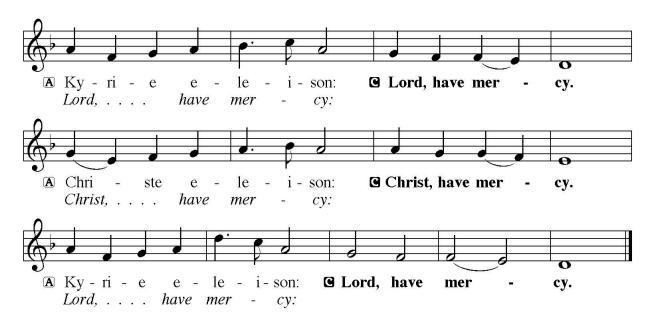
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

# **KYRIE**



# HYMN OF PRAISE





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth so see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

~ Thomas T. Lynch and K. Lee Scott\*+

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. 25 There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. 26 There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. 27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season; 28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works— 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. 35 Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

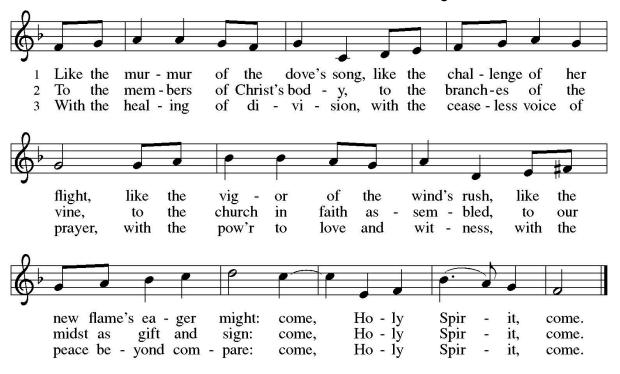
The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

# READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**SERMON** 



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944 Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

# 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 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**

...God in your mercy,

...Hear our prayer.

#### **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

Confirmatio and Peroratio

NICOLAS BRUHNS\*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

#### 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.

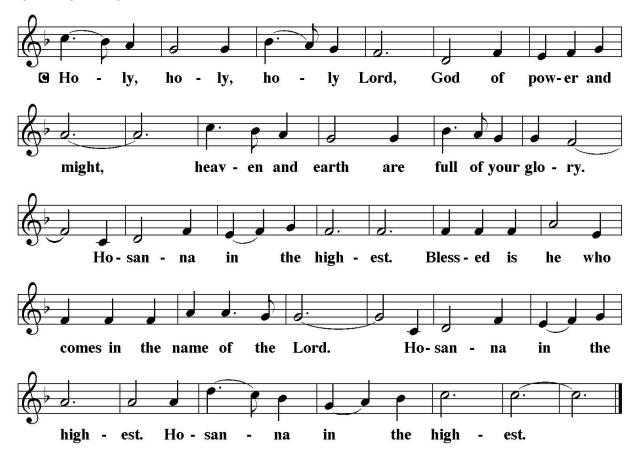
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY HOLY HOLY



Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

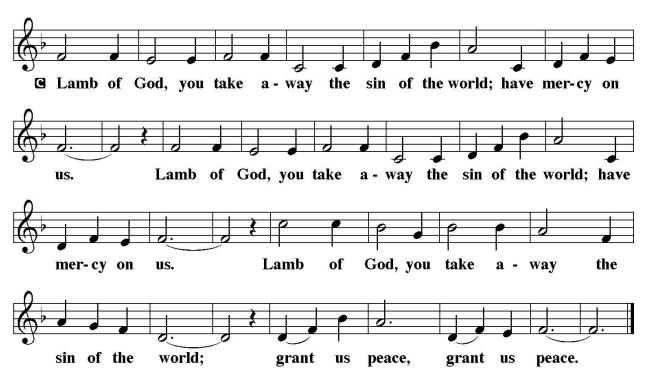
# LORDS PRAYER

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.

# LAMB OF GOD



# COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

# **COMMUNION HYMN+**

# Guide Our Feet\*

ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMMAGE

FIRST ITERATION: CHOIR ALONE; SECOND ITERATION: CHOIR AND CONGREGATION; THIRD & FOURTH ITERATIONS: CHOIR BEGINS, THEN THE PIANO SIDE OF THE CONGREGATION, THEN THE LECTERN SIDE OF THE CONGREGATION.

ON THE FINAL ITERATION, REPEAT THE AMEN UNTIL ALL ARE FINISHED.



Text: Ivar Hillesland, b. 1979

Music: ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE, Ivar Hillesland

In loving memory of Jeremy Fuerst

# **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

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

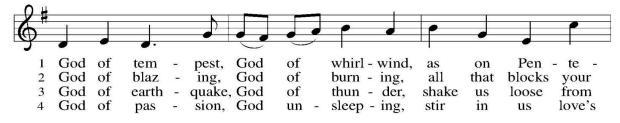
Send us now to tell of your wonders,

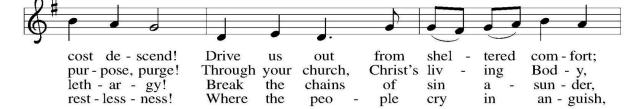
sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

# Amen.







past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser-vice, let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice, for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us; may we share your heart's dis-tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

#### **BLESSING**

As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, May he go behind you to encourage you, Beside you to befriend you, Above you to watch over, Within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father + Son, and Spirit. **Amen.** 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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\*Worship Notes: Nicolas Bruhns' great *Praeludium in E Minor* has been excerpted over the past two Sundays; in today's service, the remaining sections of this Baroque masterpiece are heard as this morning's Call to Worship and Offertory. 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* and *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 *stylus phantasticus*, clearly shows the composer's mastery of both northern and southern influences, and even manages evocations of France and Iberia. Its "fiery" sounds are well suited to the Day of Pentecost.

**K.** Lee Scott, composer of today's anthem, was a classmate of our music director David Buice at the University of Alabama. A leading composer of church music, Mr. Scott has published over three-hundred compositions, including hymns, anthems, works for solo voice, organ and brass, in addition to major works including a Christmas cantata, requiem and *Te Deum*.

Ivar Hillesland wrote this morning's Communion Hymn in response to the death of Pastor Jeremy Fuerst, writing to Pastor Shannyn: I wrote it while I was dealing with my grief over the loss of Jeremy and as I prepared for my Grand Canyon backpacking trip that first week of October. It's a "keep going" kind of song. On that trip we started and ended each day singing it as a round and I sang it to myself as I was pushing myself up those tall challenging climbs with all that weight on my back. I loved Jeremy and I'm so grateful for my friendship with you. I know grief doesn't all of a sudden vanish with time but instead just becomes our companion in different ways. If you ever need a little push, I hope this song can help.

**CWM RHONDDA**, the Welsh name for the Rhondda Valley, is a popular hymn tune written by **John Hughes** (1873–1932), first performed in 1907. The hymn evolved and shortened over time from an original version, written in 1745, with five verses. Apart from church use, the hymn's best known use is as the "Welsh Rugby Hymn," often sung by the crowd at rugby matches.

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# **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Cheryl Peters

Ushers: John Hushagen & Julie Pierce

Fellowship: Jill & Mike Richmond

Altar Guild: Barb Friedhoff Zoom Host: Debbie Strom Tech Operator: Mark Strom

# Faith Lutheran Directory Updates AND Pictures Needed

Notice, it does not say "member" directory. All those present within the community, formal member or not, are invited to contribute. Please double check your information in the online directory. We want to make sure all the information is up to date. We would love you to send a recent household photo as well!



Send an email to Emily in the office at office@faithseattle.org
Check household members, address, email, phone (cell/land), and for bonus
points, please update us with your birthdates!