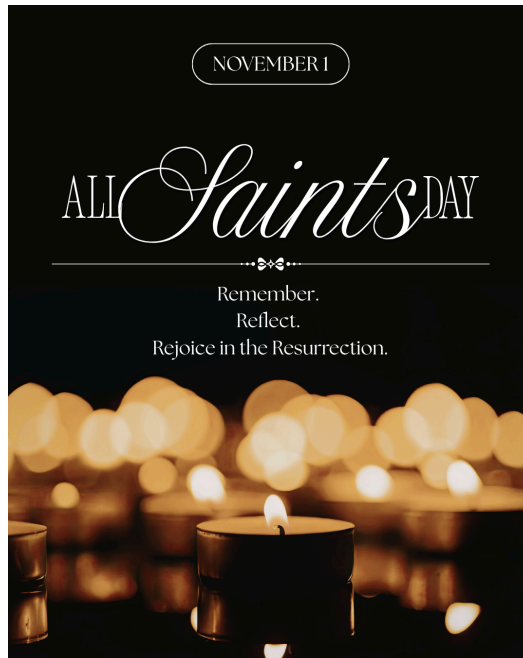




*Remember.
Reflect.
Rejoice in the Resurrection.*

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

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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

Before Thy Throne I Shall Appear

J. S. BACH*

GREETING

Within the struggle, joy, pain, and delight that attend our life, there is an invisible circle of grace that enfolds and encompasses us in every moment. Blessings help us to perceive this circle of grace, to find our place of belonging within it, and to receive the strength the circle holds for us.*

Thanks be to God.

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.

OPENING LITURGY**

There's a gathering of spirits
There's a festival of friends
And we'll take up where we left off
When we all meet again

I can't explain it
I couldn't if I tried
How the only things we carry
Are the things we hold inside

Like a day in the open
Like the love we won't forget
Like the laughter that we started
And it hasn't died down yet



People tend to believe that grief shrinks over time



What really happens is that we grow around our grief

Some glow like embers
Like a light through colored glass
Some give it all in one great flame
Throwing kisses as they pass

East of Eden
There's Heaven in our midst
And we're never really all that far
From those we love and miss

Wade out in the water
There's glory all around
And the wisest say there's a thousand ways
To kneel and kiss the ground

Life's a twinkling and that's for certain
But it's such a fine thing

There's a gathering of spirits
There's a festival of friends
And we'll take up where we left off
When we all meet again

OPENING HYMN 422
NOMINE

For All the Saints

SINE

(SING VERSES 1-2 & 7)

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.
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HOPE

1 John 3:1

¹See what great kindness the Great Spirit has shown to us, that we should be called children of the Great Spirit! And that is what we are!

The power of a blessing is how, in the space of a few lines, the stuff of pain, grief, and death becomes the very substance of hope.[†]

Hebrews 11:1-3

¹Trusting Creator is the solid ground our hope rests on. It means we can be sure of the things we do not yet see. ²For it was this kind of trusting that brought honor to our tribal ancestors. ³By trusting, we understand that the Great Spirit, by their voice, created all that we can see. By trusting, we understand that the things we see were brought into being by that which we cannot see.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

ALICE PARKER*+

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.*

Refrain: *Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!*

*And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away. Refrain*

*Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Refrain
~ attr. F. R. Warren*

CHILDREN'S SERMON



BLESSING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARTY HAUGEN

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, ²so he took a deep breath, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator's good road.

³"Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

⁴"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

⁵"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

⁶"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

⁷ "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

⁸"Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

⁹"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!'

¹⁰ "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.

¹¹"Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you.

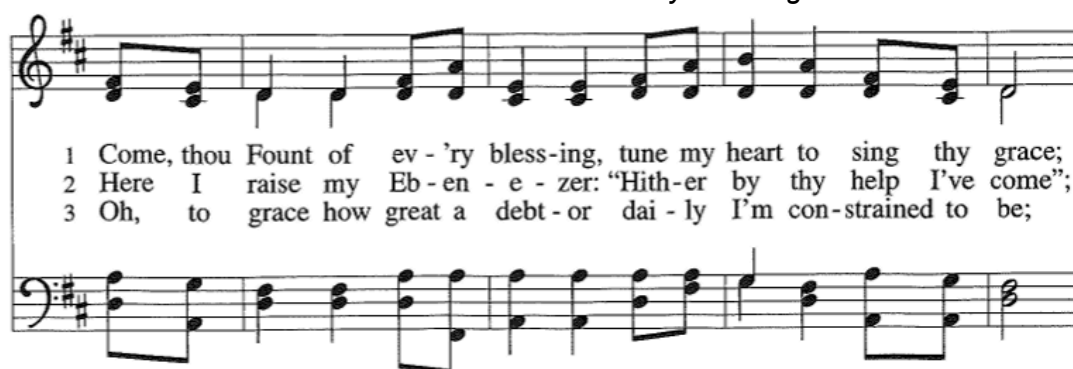
¹²So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors"

The Word of the Lord

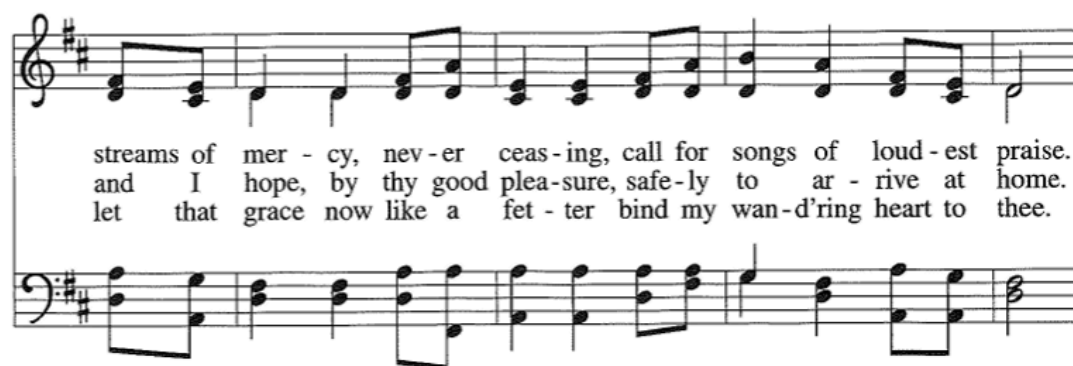
Praise to you, O Christ

WORDS OF BLESSINGS

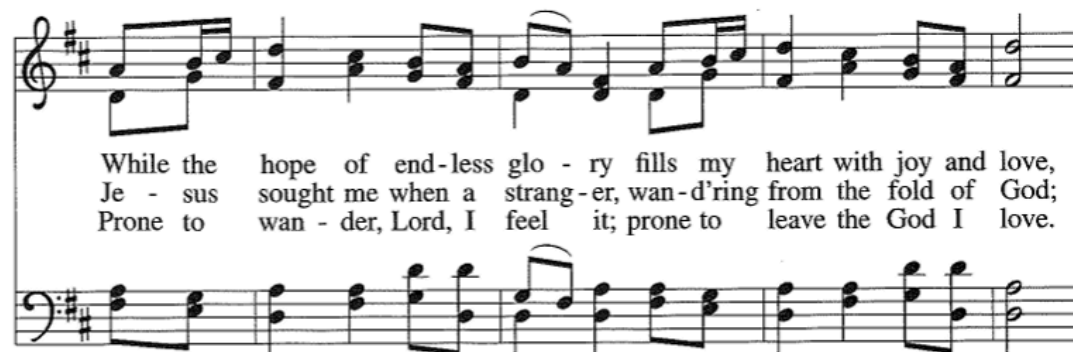
A blessing is a channel of the Divine, a profound means of grace that has the capacity to open our eyes so that we might recognize and receive the help of the one who created us in love and whose deepest desire for us is that we be whole...A blessing does more than invoke the presence and response of God; it is meant also to provoke us, to incite us to a response. The best blessings awaken our imaginations...they challenge us not to accept how things are but to dream of how they could be transformed. They invite us to discern how God might be calling us to participate in the bringing of this transformation to pass. With each one, we move ever further into the circle that encompasses us and into the grace we find there. The circle becomes spiral, bearing us deeper and deeper into the heart of God. »»



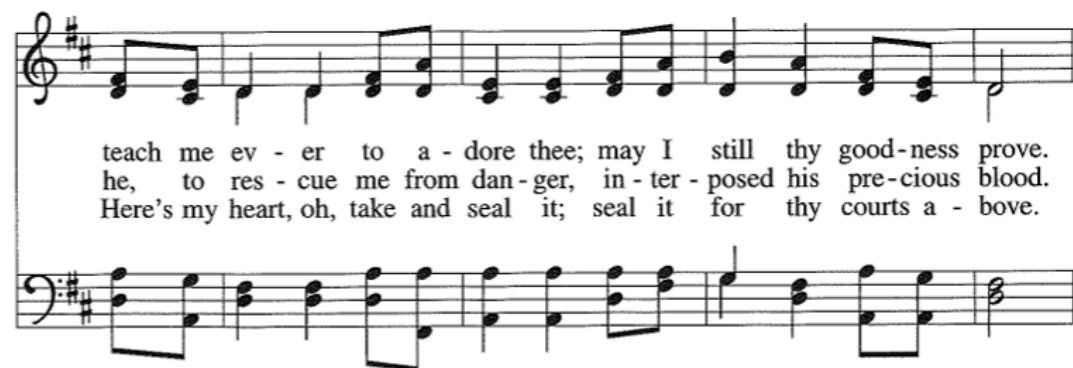
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet-ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo-ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev-er to a-dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

MOURN

Blessing for When the World is Ending

Look, the world is always ending somewhere.

Somewhere the sun has come crashing down.

Somewhere it has gone completely dark.

Somewhere it has ended with the gun, the knife, the fist.

Somewhere it has ended with the slammed door, the shattered hope.

*Somewhere it has ended with the utter quiet that follows the news from the phone,
the television, the hospital room.*

Somewhere it has ended with a tenderness that will break your heart.

But, listen, this blessing means to be anything but morose.

It has not come to cause despair.

*It is simply here because there is nothing a blessing is better suited for than an ending,
nothing that cries out more for a blessing than when a world is falling apart.*

This blessing will not fix you,

will not mend you,

will not give you false comfort;

it will not talk to you about one door opening when another one closes.

It will simply sit itself beside you among the shards

and gently turn your face toward the direction from which the light will come,

gathering itself about you as the world begins again.♡

Psalm 34:15-19, 22

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and rescues them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

PRAYER

My God--equally present

In darkness as in light,

Stand by me!

Allow me, yes, to suffer and be hurt,

But not to be broken or destroyed.

Allow me to be bruised,

But not my spirit to be overcome.

I know of suffering and I do not fear it.

I only fear my strength to carry it.

I ask not to escape from the threats and the pain,

I ask that I might carry them

With grace,

With hope,

With love.

Amen. ✕



REMEMBER

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I saw a great crowd of people, too many to count, from every nation, tribe, clan, and language. They were standing before the seat of honor and before the Lamb, dressed in pure white regalia, holding palm tree branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They lifted their voices and shouted, "The power to set us free and make us whole belongs to the Great Spirit who sits upon the seat of honor, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the spirit-messengers who encircled the seat of honor, along with the elders and the four living spirit animals, humbled themselves and fell face down on the ground before the Great Spirit to give him the honor that he deserves.

¹² "Aho! It is so!" they said with one voice. "Praise and honor and wisdom and respect and power and strength belong to the Great Spirit to the time beyond the end of all days! Aho! It is so!"

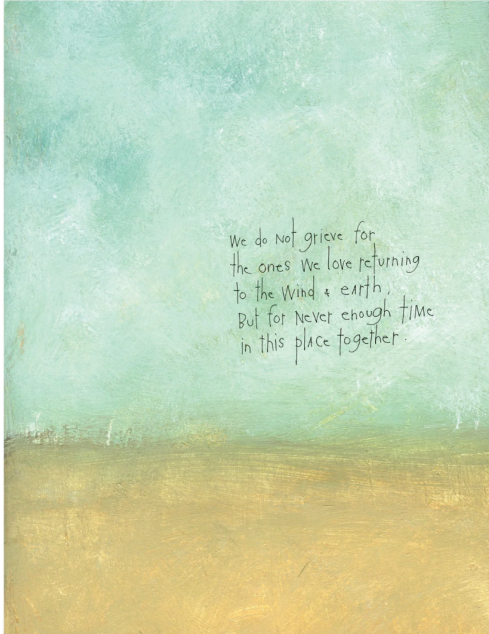
¹³ Then one of the elders spoke to me, "Who are these people who are dressed in white regalia? And from where did they come?" ¹⁴ "Honored one," I said to him, "you must know." Then he said to me, "These are the ones who have come through the time of great trouble and suffering. They have washed their regalia in the lifeblood shed by the Lamb, making their regalia pure white. ¹⁵ "Because of this they stand before the seat of honor, and they serve the Great Spirit day and night in the inner court of his sacred lodge. The one who sits on the seat of honor will spread his sacred tent over them and cover them in the shadow of his wings. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger or thirst or suffer under the heat of the desert sun. ¹⁷ "The Lamb at the center of the seat of honor will watch over them like a shepherd watches over his sheep. He will guide them to springs of life-giving water, and there the Great Spirit will perform the wiping of tears ceremony for each of them."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

All Hallows Blessing

*Who live
in the spaces between
our breathing
in the corner
of our vision
in the hallows
of our bones
in the chambers
of our heart:
nowhere can they
be touched
yet still
how they move
in us
made from the
tissue of memory
like the veil
between the worlds
that stirs at
the merest breath
this night
and then is
at rest.↑↑*



PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Sing praises to the Lord, O you the saints, and give thanks to God's holy name (Psalm 30:4)

We praise the Lord for calling us and uniting us in the one body, the body of Christ.

Now, faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. It was by faith that the great witnesses of the Old Testament followed God. Christ revealed their hope. From the apostles until today, more great witnesses have gone before us, who revealed the kin-dom of God by their lives of faithfulness.

We thank you, Lord, for their holy examples. Help us to walk in their footsteps as we follow you.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. We pray with celebration for those who have been baptized this year and who are living saints among us.

Names are spoken

Sustain them and all of us with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

It is possible to experience two deaths of the person(s) we love. The first is the physical death. The second is when their names are no longer spoken. Thus, this day, we speak the names of the saints who we carry with us and who we hold in our hearts, keeping them alive in name, story, memories, and more. We are grateful for the gift of their lives among us and joyful for their presence with God, but we miss them still.

We do not mourn as those who have no hope, but still we mourn.

Names are spoken

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our beloveds in your care and keeping, as you raise them up to share with endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Les Baricades Mistérieuses

FRANÇOIS COUPERIN LE GRAND*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

RESURRECTION

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.

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.
Amen.

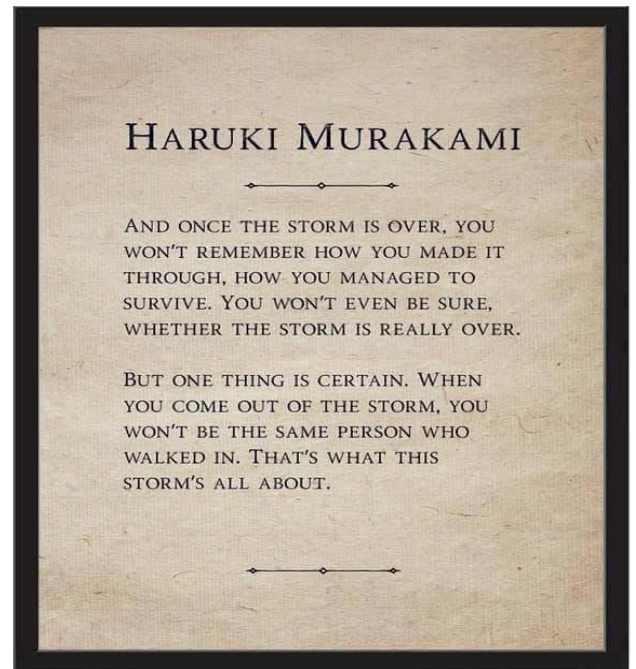
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*First Nations Bible Translation*)

**O Great Spirit, our Father/Mother 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

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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 790

Day by Day

BLOTTEN DAG

1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at-tend me, bring-ing com-fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro-vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur-dens

to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis-dom to o-bey; I will seek your lov-ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near-er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di-vine, be-yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e-vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat-ter

mor-tal mea-sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor-row, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be-tide me, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,

lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e-ter-nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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BLESSING

May you continue to be inspired by the saints:

To enter each day with a generous heart.

To serve the call of courage and love

Until we see their beautiful faces again

In that land where there is no more separation,

Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,

And where we will never lose them again. →

May you find comfort in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit,

Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

MOSES HOGAN+

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader.

We will meet our loved ones there...

There will be no trials there...

SENDING

God is the glory and joy of all the saints;

Go in peace, this blessing is with you always.

Thanks be to God!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Multiple Voices

Ushers: Claire & Mikel Davies

Fellowship: Debbie & Mark Strom

Altar Guild: Marilyn Anderson

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Tech Host: Rick Brandstetter

NEXT WEEK (Nov. 8)

Preaching: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Presiding: Deacon Liz Colver

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Linda Mihalov

Ushers: **Please Serve!**

Fellowship: **Please Serve!**

Altar Guild: Charmaine Haaland

Zoom Host: Debbie Strom

Tech Host: Mark Strom

Sign Up to Volunteer!

November



SCAN ME!



DECEMBER

*or email Mary Jo at
mjhershly@msn.com*

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** According to legend, the Call to Worship is the last music composed by **J. S. Bach**, dictated from his deathbed to a student. The hymn tune is more commonly known as *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*, but for this setting Bach took the title from an inner line of the hymn.

The lines of music, in masterful counterpoint, pass back and forth in a labyrinthine manner, their relationship to each other close in one moment, distant in the next, in a reflection of the relationships that mark our lives.

And, at the end of his life, Bach's conception of appearing before God's throne is not one of judgment, but one of comfort, the repeated notes of the accompaniment suggesting a gentle hand pat on the soul exhausted from life. *There, there, take your rest, take your rest.*

Alice Parker (1925 – 2023) said that *she sang before she spoke*. She began composing at the age of five and wrote her first orchestral score while still in high school. Her career as a composer spanned almost six decades; many of her choral compositions were collaborations with the late Robert Shaw, with whom she studied composition and conducting as a student at the Julliard School.

This morning's Offertory, **François Couperin le grand's *Mysterious Barricades***, may have been given that name due to the harmonic progressions at the heart of the piece; that era's use of "mysterious" as a synonym for "imaginary" perhaps refers to the numerous dissonant suspensions that are successively resolved to consonant harmonies with ease. The music itself is a sublimely elegant example of the lutenist's *style brisé* ("broken" style), in which vertical harmonies are broken into gently rocking figurations.

The music during communion is sixteenth century English composer **Peter Philip's** variations on music by Giulio Caccini (c. 1545-1618). The variations are found in the great *Fitzwilliam Virginal Book*, assembled by Francis Tregian ("the younger"), whiling away many of his years of incarceration in the Tower of London as a victim of religious persecution (along with his father, Tregian "the elder").

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SPECIAL READINGS & LITURGY

*Jan Richardson, Circle of Grace, Introduction

** Song Lyrics: The Gathering of Spirits by Carrie Newcomer & Alison Krauss

† Jan Richardson, Circle of Grace Introduction

↪ Circle of Grace, Feast of All Saints 2015, Jan Richardson

✕ Edwina Gately from All Shall Be Well: A Gathering of Healing Prayer

†† Jan Richardson, All Hallows Blessing, How the Stars Get in Your Bones

☪ Blessing for When the World is Ending, Jan Richardson, paintedprayerbook.com

↪ Blessing from To Bless the Space Between Us by John O'Donohue

IMAGES

Image 1: The Jar Model of Grief (aka Growing Around Grief or the Tonkin Model of Grief) developed by Dr. Lois Tonkin

Image 2: "Soaring Art" by Brian Andreason, flyingedna.com

Image 3: "No End" story created for the book, *Cuba, This Moment Exactly So*, in 2015. Art from the notebooks of Brian Andreas

Image 4: "Never Enough Time" *A quiet remembrance of the ones we will love to the end of our days.* art & words by Brian Andreason, created on May 24, 2020

Image 5: Quote by Haruki Murakami

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Presents...**

Kay Yeh

**Nov. 8 @ 3:00p
Faith Lutheran Church**

**Theology Pub, November 8, 6:00p
Young Adults (21-35yo)**

Young adults are invited to meet at Project 9 Brewing (1409 NE 80th St) on Sunday, November 8 at 6:00p. There are a variety of beers and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as a delicious food truck.

Theology Pub is a time to meet in a casual, social setting to discuss faith, meaning, identity, culture, and other big questions. It blends the tradition of the early church's *oikos* (household gatherings) with the informal intellectual fellowship, creating a relaxed but thought-provoking environment for dialogue. It dates back to when theologians Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon (16th century) would drink a beer and debate theology. Luther wrote that it is not a trivial pastime, but a deliberate linking of divine action in history with everyday life, showing that God works through ordinary moments, not through human effort alone. Come join in the fellowship and discussion.



**Self Care Sunday
Friendsgiving**



Calling ALL Young Adults (18-35)

Come to the table as you are!!

Bring a dish to share, play some games or listen to music and connect with others.

Sunday, November 15th, 2026

4-6 PM

Lower Level of Church

Our Host

Northlake Lutheran Church

6620 NE 185th St, Kenmore, WA 98028



**Self Care Sunday Friendsgiving
(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.



Faith Lutheran Community Discernment Conversations!

The Community Engagement Leadership Team is engaging the community in discernment conversations to check in on how we're doing, and what values and energies Faith members are yearning to see engaged on an intentional level in the next 3-5 years. You will be invited via email for a phone call or coffee visit to have a chat with a CELT or Council member between now and the end of November. The conversation is meant to be relational, but will be guided by these questions:

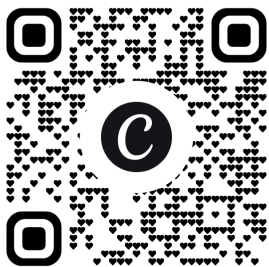
- **What is currently feeding your Spirit in your daily life?**
- **What brought (and continues to bring) you to Faith Lutheran Church?**
- **What happens now in this congregation that you value and want to keep?**
- **How would you like to see this congregation lean into mission and ministry in the future?**
- **How might you be inspired to engage or immerse more deeply in community with this congregation?**

We hope you will find the time to accept your invitation to share! These conversations will help the council to shape a renewed mission and vision for the next 3-5 years of ministry at Faith!

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.

Annual Advent Fair

November 29,
10:45a-12:30p

Come make an Advent Wreath,
pack apartment kits, write
advocacy postcards, make
crafts, and enjoy warm soup.
Something for all ages!



MOVE IN BINS

THE OAKS SHELTER

When a shelter client from The Oaks moves into permanent housing, the people of Faith are there to help! Bins containing the basics needed for housekeeping are assembled and donated. The bins are greatly appreciated by all the clients!

Items needed:

NEW:

Dish soap- 32 fl oz
2 sponges
2 kitchen towels
All-purpose spray cleaner (409 or an equivalent)
Powdered, abrasive cleaner (Comet or Ajax or an equivalent)
Toilet brush
Laundry detergent (50+ loads)
Tissues-1 box
Toilet paper- 2 rolls
Paper towels-1 roll

NEW OR GENTLY USED:

1 bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth
1set of sheets-TWIN, EXTRA LONG
Plastic bin with snap close lid (at least 27 gallon)

Contact Nancy E. with questions
206.595.8610

Donate through Nov. 29
and participate at the
Advent Fair



All ministries of Faith Lutheran Church run on donations.

Thank you for whatever you have to share!

Scan the QR code to make a donation.



To ensure everyone is aware of our finances we are sharing this chart to clearly show where we stand. We are only three months into our Fiscal Year, and following similar trends as previous years, we wish to remind everyone that we still need a year end bump in giving to balance our budget.

