

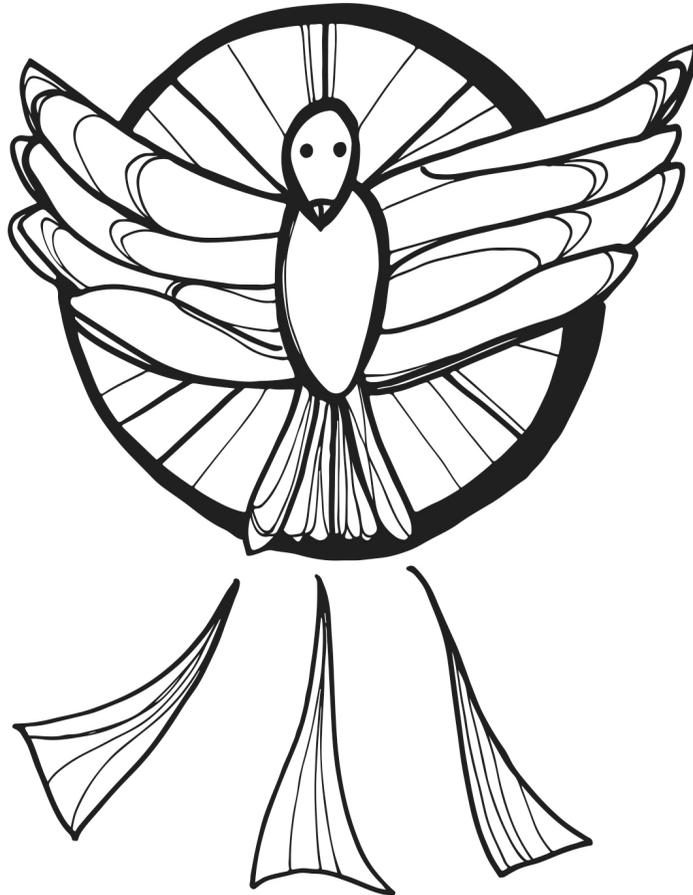


Faith Lutheran Church
LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON

Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, January 11, 2026 + 9:30am

Baptism of Our Lord



In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.



WELCOME to worship! Living in God's Amazing Grace, we envision Faith Lutheran Church as a diverse beacon of hope, healing, and reconciliation in a broken world. Faith Lutheran aspires to be a public church, empowering parishioners to become God's servants in Christ's commission to share the Gospel message of good news to the poor, healing to the sick and broken, and justice to the oppressed.

We aspire to be a transformational church and meet the changing needs of sacramental worship, congregational nurture, and ministries of peace, mercy, and justice as called by the Holy Spirit.

MISSION: As disciples in Christ, we are called to incarnate the gracious, healing, and reconciling presence of God through sacramental worship, congregational nurture, and ministries of peace, mercy, and justice for all Creation.

WORSHIP is the heartbeat that feeds our life together as a community. In the *GATHERING*, we participate in God's radical welcome extended to all people. In the *WORD*, we hear and ponder stories that have nurtured and shaped our faith. We share a *MEAL* that makes God present to us at a table wide enough for everyone to find a place. And in *SENDING* we go into the world to love and serve God by loving and serving our neighbors and Creation.

GOD LANGUAGE: Believing that no one name or description of God is ever complete, Faith Lutheran practices using many words and images to describe the Holy One who exists beyond human language. In our worship we try to balance images that are human and ecological, gendered and non-gendered, hierarichical and egalitarian. We encourage you to notice how different images affect your experience of worship and invite you to choose language that both liberates and challenges you.



We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the šnpəšq'áwšəx'w (P'Squosa) people, who are still here. We are grateful for their stewardship and care for this land.



Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Founded in 1909, this church has been a spiritual home to residents of the Wenatchee River Valley for over 115 years.



As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we strive to provide a safe and healing environment where people of any race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status can be nourished in their journey of faith.



We practice an Open Communion, which means all are welcome at the Lord's Supper, including non-Lutherans and small children. There are small individual cups with red wine as well as clear grape juice in each tray.



Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Lutheran. Feel free to wiggle, make noise, or play in worship as needed.



Postures are a way we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross, shaking hands during peace) are optional. You may engage as you are comfortable and able.



Two single-stall restrooms are available in the separate Fellowship Hall building located next to the sanctuary.

If there is something that we can do to make worship more accessible to you, please let us know by talking to or emailing Pastor Aaron (pastor@faithleavenworth.org).

GATHERING

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

WELCOME + PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

...we bless you, O God, for the waters of the earth:

We bless you, O God, for the waters of the earth....

...we honor you, O God, for the waters that you send:

We honor you, O God, for the waters that you send....

...we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:

We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism....

...to you comes the worship of all your people,

To you comes the worship of all your people,

Now and forever, amen.

Now and forever, amen.

GATHERING SONG

Take Me to the Water (Purple Book 957)

GREETING + PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

O God of life, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized**

into Christ faithful to their calling, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; upon whom I have put my spirit, to bring forth justice to the nations. Not crying out, not lifting up his voice, not making it heard in the street; a bruised reed my servant will not break, nor quench a dimly burning wick, but will faithfully bring forth justice. My chosen one will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 29



The psalm is offered as a corporate response to the first reading. As the ancient word "psalm" means "song," we sing this section with a "psalm tone" (chanted line).

*Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.*
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.*

***The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.***

*The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;*

***the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.***

*The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.*

***The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.***

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, "Glory!"*

***The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.***

*O Lord, give strength | to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.*

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who is God-fearing and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The alleluia may be sung once before the gospel reading and once after. All may stand to greet the gospel.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Red Book 172)

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Jesus, and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Red Book 172)

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Musser

HYMN OF THE DAY Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (Purple Book 916)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

As each petition ends with God of grace,
The assembly may respond **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

La paz de Cristo
sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ
be with you always.
And also with you.

After sharing the words of peace in Spanish or English, you are invited to share a greeting of peace with others. You might offer a wave, handshake, or bow. Take care to observe one another's personal boundaries.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING + ANNOUCEMENTS

As the Grains of Wheat (Red Book 465)

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Community announcements and music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



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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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

We join the angelic chorus in their song of praise, along with all creation and the church across time and space.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and might;
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho-
-san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Blessed are you, O holy God...

LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer may be recited in these or other translations/forms. Consider using words for God that inspire or challenge you.

**Our Mother/Father/Creator
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**

**Madre/Padre/Creator nuestra/o
que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas**

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.

como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder
y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love;



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peae, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

*We practice an open communion
which means that you don't need
to be a member of our church, or
believe a certain thing, or be a
certain age in order to come.
Everyone is welcome at the table,
which is set by God.*

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the triune God,
 who has put a new song in your mouth
 and tuned your heart for praise
 † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, the Light of the World

Rise up! Shine! Your light has come.
 Light from light, and bright with grace;
 Shine on us, O glo - rious Christ,

Je - sus, the light of the world._____

The musical score is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/8 time signature. It features a simple melody with lyrics written below the notes. The final note of the second line is followed by a long horizontal line, indicating a sustained note or a continuation of the melody.

Glo - ry dawns on ev - 'ry - one.
 Glo - ry shi - ning from each face.
 Lu - min - ous, your peo - ple rise.

Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll
 walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,
 come where the dew-drops of mer - cy are bright.
 Shine all a - round us by day and by night,
 Je - sus, the light of the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

*You are warmly invited to join us
 for coffee hour and town hall in the
 fellowship hall directly following
 worship.*

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