

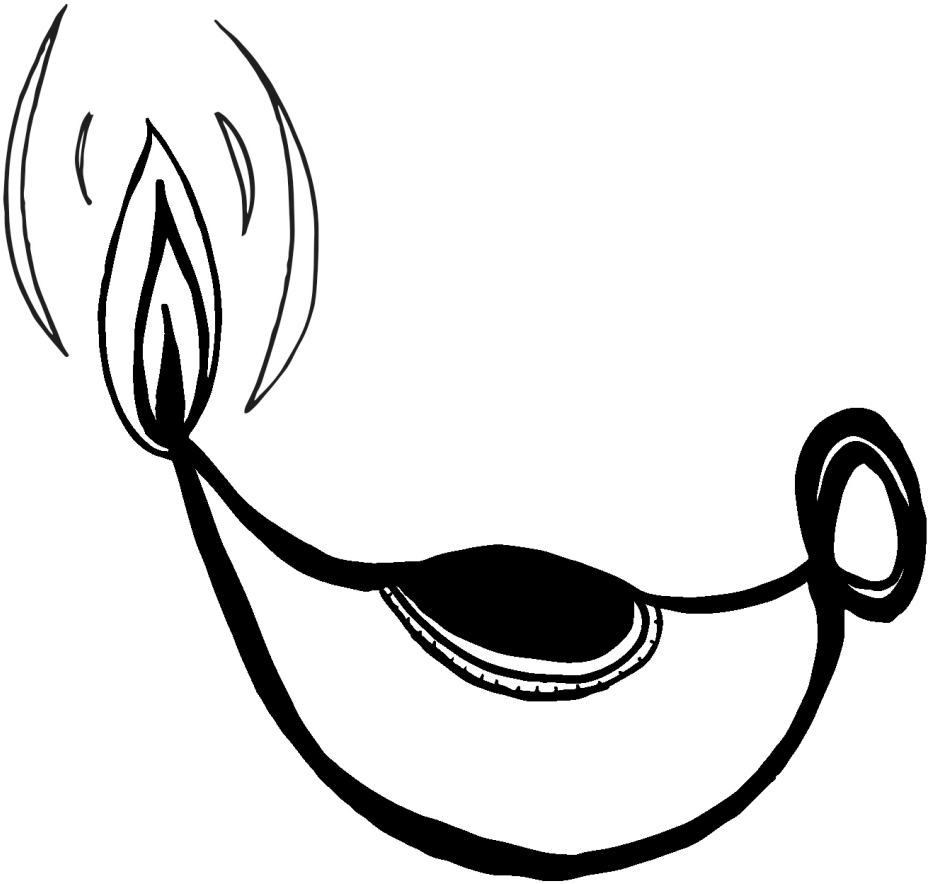


Faith Lutheran Church
LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON

Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 8, 2026 + 9:30am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



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, hierarchical 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

Christ Be Our Light (Red Book 715)

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.

Lord God, **with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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



Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

**For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

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).

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, my dear family, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Red Book 172)

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the dominion of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the dominion of heaven. For I tell you, unless your justice exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the dominion of heaven."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Red Book 172)

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

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

SERMON SONG

Field of Stars Awash in Splendor

*Field of stars awash in splendor, stars of light, for glory made,
With the light of Christ forever for the universe arrayed:
Not alone, your life's creation, not alone, your daily arc,
But as one fair constellation shining brightness in the dark.*

*Gathered light of God's own people, more than each alone could be,
Called to serve, beloved and noble, splendid in community:
Many are the gifts of blessing, many are the wards of night,
May each life in Christ abiding be a beam of holy light.*

*Christ, O Light surpassing brightness, Christ, the rising Morning Star,
Light our days and shine out from us into shaded fields afar.
Let the saints sing joy in glory, let God's beauty glorious rise,
For the morning stars in chorus shall foreshadow paradise.*

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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.

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

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 + ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the Grains of Wheat (Red Book 465)

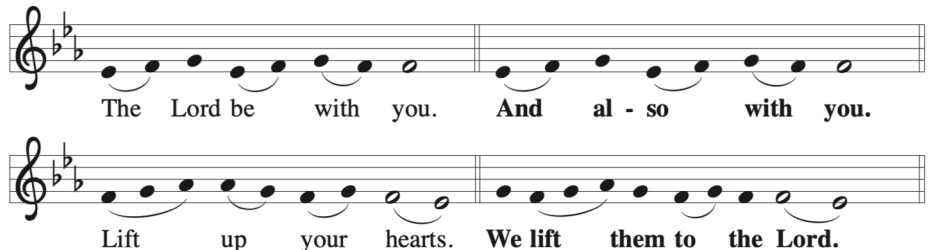
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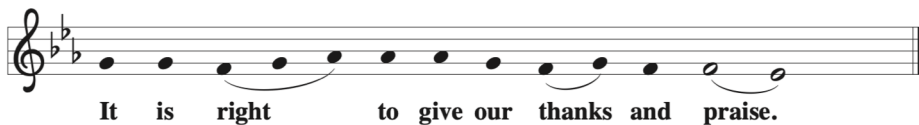
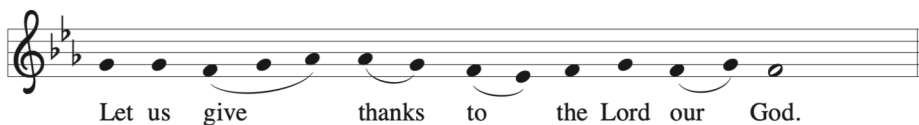
God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



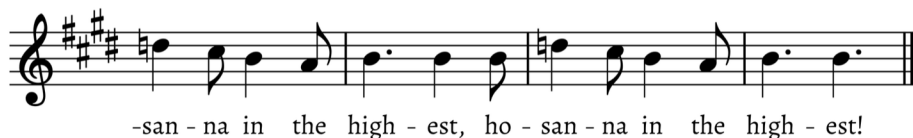
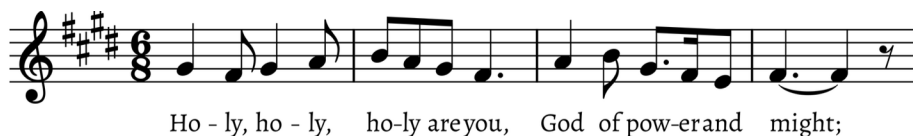
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GREAT THANKSGIVING





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



Blessed are you, O holy God...

LORD'S PRAYER

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
as we forgive those

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
como también nosotros perdonamos

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

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

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.

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.

*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.*

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:

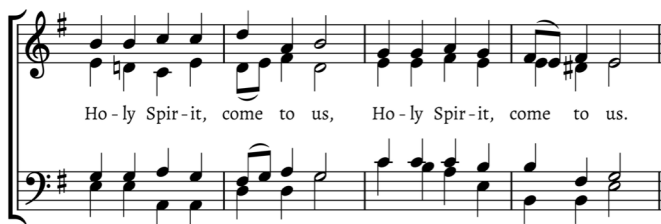


grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Spirit, Come to Us



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



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

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

This Little Light of Mine (Red Book 677)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

*You are warmly invited to join us
for coffee hour in the fellowship
hall after worship.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 8	9:30am-10:30am Service of Holy Communion 7:00pm-7:45pm Song Circle
Wednesday, February 11	6:30pm-8:00pm Earth Stewardship Group Meeting
Thursday, February 12	All day FAN Interfaith Advocacy Day
Sunday, February 15	9:30am-10:30am Service of Holy Communion 7:00pm-7:45pm Song Circle
Monday, February 16	6:00pm Immigration/Race Justice Group Meeting
Tuesday, February 17	5:30pm-7:30pm Mardi Gras Celebration
Wednesday, February 18	7:00pm-8:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, February 22	9:30am-10:30am Service of Holy Communion 7:00pm-7:45pm Song Circle

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which includes a note from the
pastor, announcements, and
community prayer requests.*