



Parables

THE WHEAT & THE WEEDS



Sunday, July 19, 2026
Faith Lutheran Church
Everett, WA

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

- Everyone is welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ -

We're a liturgical church. Liturgy comes from the Greek word meaning, "Work of the people". We use rituals to worship God, we pray together out loud, we stand up, sit down, and participate together in many ways.

Bold: Congregation repeats. Please stand as you're able when you see this symbol +

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

+ Call to Worship (*Bell is rung to signal beginning of worship*)

+ Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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✚ Apostolic 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.



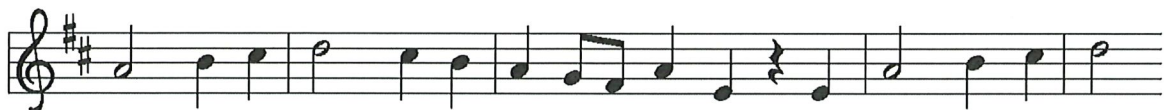
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



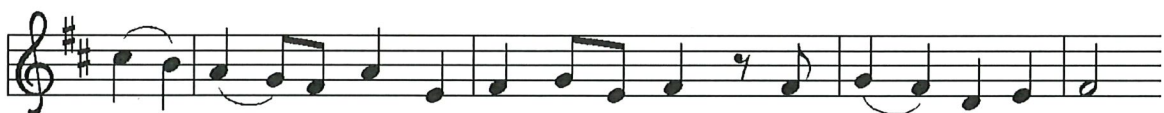
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

† Prayer of the Day

P: Faithful God,

C: **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

R: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm *(All read together)*

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ **Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ **For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.**

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ **But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,

²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

R: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Karas

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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The Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

A: 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 to the dead.*
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 of the People *(Sung before and after the prayers)*

ELW #751

O Lord, hear our prayer! O Lord, hear our prayer! When we call, answer us!

O Lord, hear our Prayer! O Lord, hear our prayer! Come and listen to us!

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

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you! C: And also with you!

Offering

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

† The 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.**

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

† Holy, Holy, Holy (Sing)

ELW #473

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, my heart, my heart a-dores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho-ly, God. San-to, san-to, san-to, mi co-ra-zon te a-do-ra. Mi co-ra-zon te sa-be de-cir: San-to eres Senor. (Repeat first verse)

† The Lord's 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.

† Invitation to Communion

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome to the Lord's Table

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

† Post-Communion Blessing

P: Now may the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior ☩ keep us in God's peace.

C: Amen

† Post Communion Song

LBW p. 72

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia.

† Prayer after Communion

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

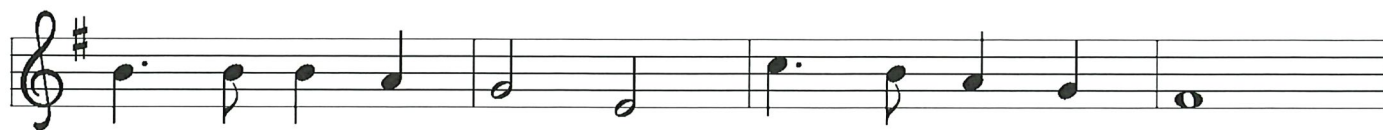
C: Amen.

† Benediction

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



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un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

† The Dismissal

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The members of Faith Lutheran Church have a tradition of singing “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” after the service has concluded. Please feel free to depart or join in the singing.

GOD BE WITH YOU

1. God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. (CHORUS)
2. God be with you till we meet again; ‘neath His wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (CHORUS)

CHORUS:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet (till we meet);
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)

MUSIC: William Tomer (1833-1896)

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Vision Statement

Faith Lutheran Church of Everett is a dynamic force in its neighborhood, community and the world beyond due to its people, programs and facilities. The church is a youth-friendly place that welcomes people of all backgrounds resulting in a constantly growing congregation that people want to join and spread the word of Jesus here and around the world.

Mission Statement

The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to utilize the rich blend of God's people, programs and facilities to spread the word of Jesus, through witness and service, in our neighborhood, community and around the world.

Prayer Requests:

Pastor: Contact Pastor Pam at (425) 870-5335 or email: pastorpam.faithlutheran@gmail.com

Confidential Prayer Chain: contact Ella Tuininga at (425) 231-2072 or email: getuininga@gmail.com

Serving in Worship

	TODAY – July 19	NEXT SUNDAY – July 26
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Pam Karas	Pastor Pam Karas
Assisting Minister:	Paul	David
Accompanist:	Ben Kromholtz	Ben Kromholtz
Altar Guild:	Susan	Ginny W.
Ushers:	Ella	Roger
Counters:	Nancy/Susan	Jennifer/Roger
Streamer:	Roger	Jennifer
Coffee Host:	Nancy	Debbie
Deacon	Roger	David
Music Assistants:	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sun. 7/19: 10:30am-Worship Service (S); 12pm-Council Mtg. (L); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)
Mon. 7/20: 10am-2pm-Office Open
Tues. 7/21: 10am-2pm-Office Open By Appointment Only
Wed. 7/22: 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)
Thurs. 7/23: 10:30am-1:30pm-Interfaith Cooking Class (FH)
Sun. 7/26: 10:30am-Worship Service (S); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

*Office is open Tuesdays – However, times can vary so please call first (425) 353-4758.
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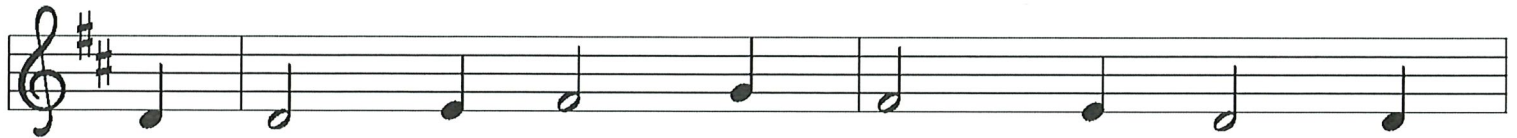
Faith Announcements



Lessons for July 26, 2026

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



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For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
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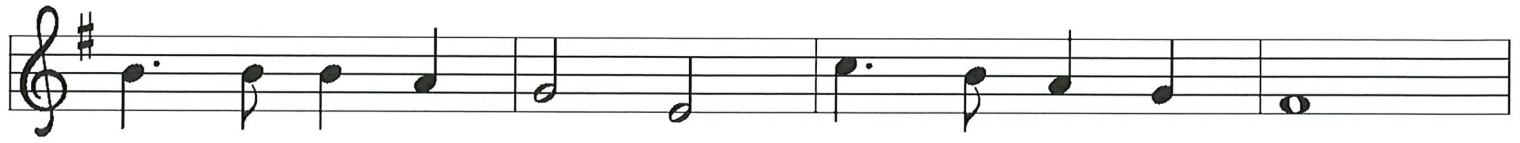
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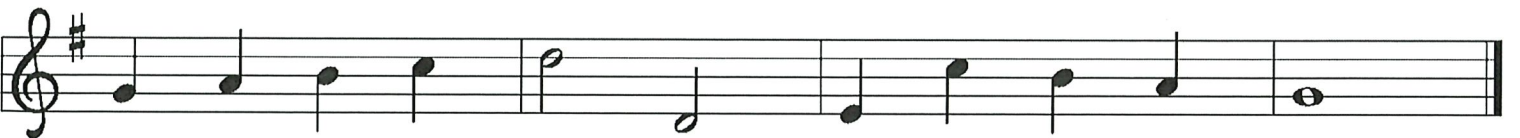


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