

For where
TWO OR THREE
GATHER
IN MY NAME
I am with them

Matt 18:20

Sunday, September 6, 2026
Faith Lutheran Church
Everett, WA

15th Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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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: O Lord God,

C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

The Psalm *(All read together)*

Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



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 18:15-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Karas

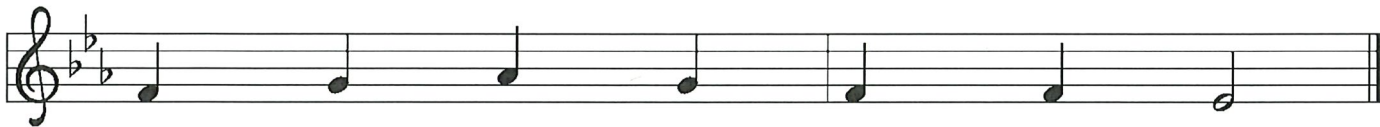
God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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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)*

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Lord, Listen to your Children Praying. Lord send your spirit to this place.

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

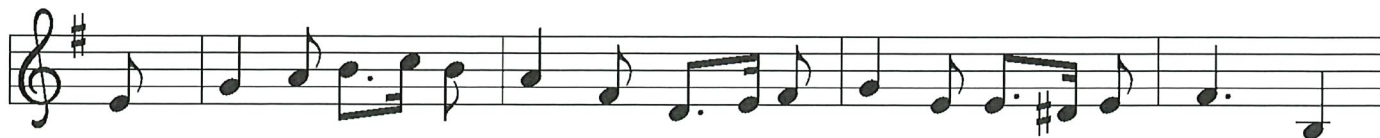
R: Hear us, O God C: Your mercy is great.

✚ Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Offering

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: 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.

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.

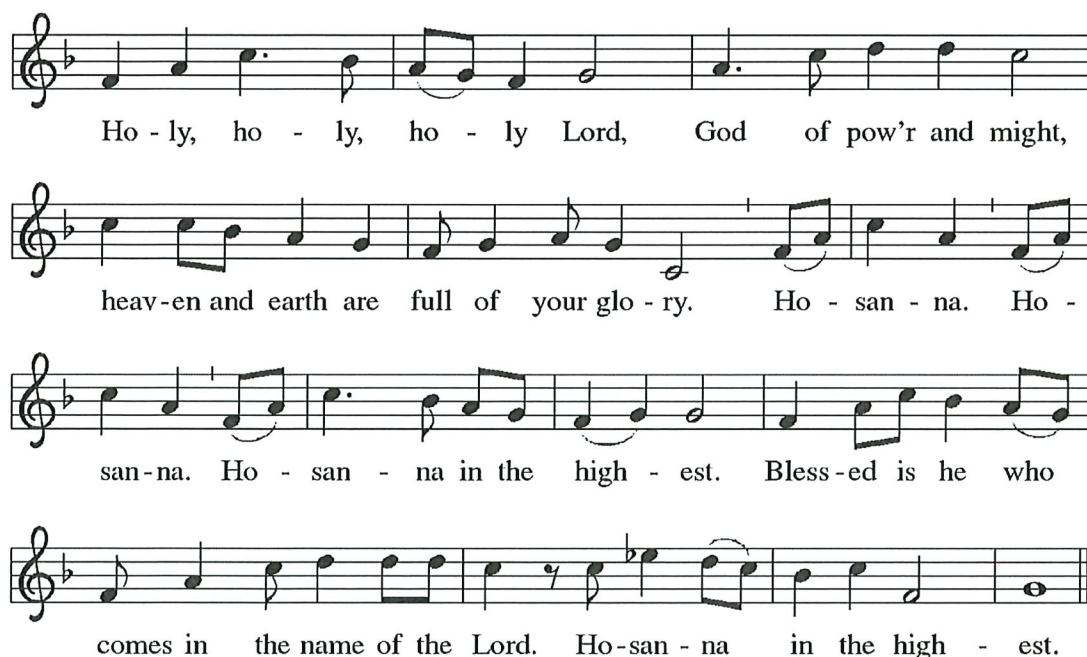
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

ELW p.153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

+ The Lord's Prayer (Sing)

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal- low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,

as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us,

and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil, For thine is the king-dom the po-wer and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er more. A-men.

+ Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.

Distribution of Communion

Meditative Music

+ Post-Communion Blessing

P: Now may the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior I^{H} keep us in God's peace.

C: Amen

+ Post Communion Song

ELW #208

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Praise to you. O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: thanks be to you for - ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!'.

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+ Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

C: Amen.

+ Benediction

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ Sending Hymn

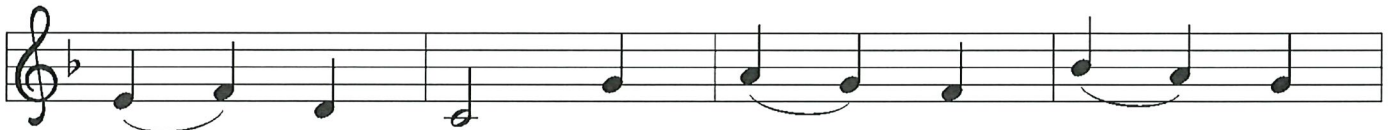
"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW #551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
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to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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+ The Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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 – Sept 6	NEXT SUNDAY – Sept 13
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Pam Karas	Pastor Pam Karas
Assisting Minister:	Paul	Mary
Accompanist:	Ben Kromholtz	Ben Kromholtz
Altar Guild:	Ginny W.	Susan
Ushers:	Roger	Russell
Counters:	Holly/Roger	Ella/Susan
Streamer:	Jennifer	Roger
Coffee Host:	Diane S.	Holly
Deacon	Stan	Roger
Music Assistants:	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.	Paul & Ginny W.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sun. 9/6: 10:30am-Worship Service (S); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

Tues. 9/8: 10am-2pm-Office Hours; **10:30am-Finance Mtg. (O); 1:00pm- Movie: Project Hail Mary (FH)**

Wed. 9/9: 11:30am-Worship Plan Mtg. (L); 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

Sun. 9/13: 10:30am-Worship Service (S); **12pm-Council Mtg. (L);** 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

*Office is open Tuesdays – However, times can vary so please call first (425) 353-4758.
Pastor Pam will be in the office on Tuesdays. Her email is pastorpam.faithlutheran@gmail.com
Hours may vary; please call first.*

Faith Announcements



Book Group is watching *Project Hail Mary* after having read the book.
Please join us if you would like to watch the movie.

Movie: Project Hail Mary

Location: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: September 8th at 1:00pm

Length of movie: 2 hours & 36 minutes.

(not suitable for young children)

Andrea's Coming on September 10th!

Andrea Hookey will be here visiting on September 10th at 6pm at the Fellowship Hall

We will be having sandwiches, chips and dessert.

Food and Drink are provided

Lessons for September 6, 2026

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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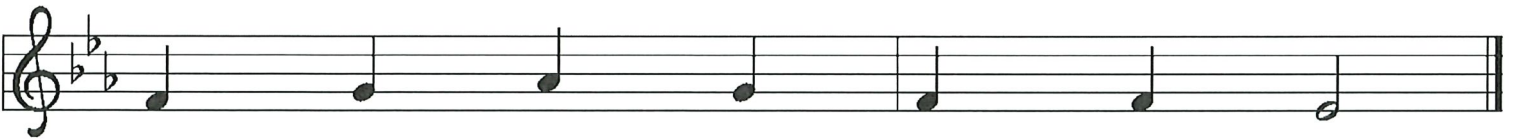
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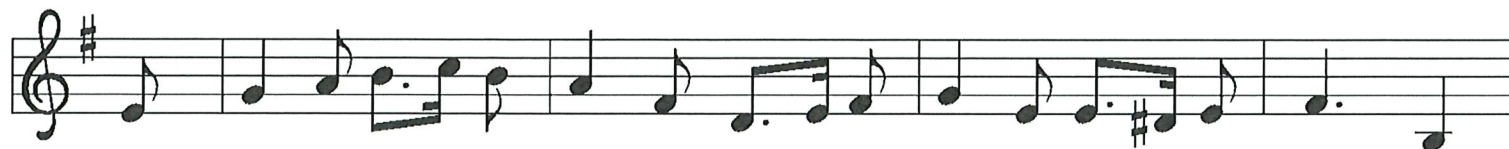
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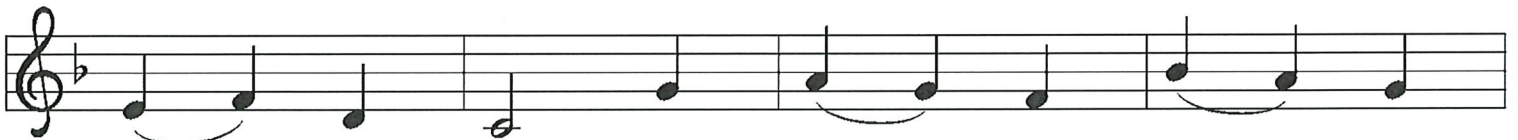
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