



A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2025

Pr. Ben Colahan, preaching

PRELUDE

Récit de Tierce en taille | Nicolas de Grigny

WELCOME

Pr. Ben Colahan

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 723 | *Canticle of the Turning* | v. 1-2, 4



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1972, based on the "Magnificat"
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed," 19th-century hymn
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GREETING

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) Faithful God,

RESP) you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr. Ben Colahan

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SONG

Soon and Very Soon | Andraé Crouch | FLC
Children's Choir

All join on v. 4

Soon and very soon,
we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon,
we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josh Edwards

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Praise Him, Praise Him | Pamela Beall & Susan Nipp

1. Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
God is love, God is love;
Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
God is love, God is love.

The musical score is written for four staves in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '1. Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren, God is love, God is love; Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren, God is love, God is love.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Adapted from
Tune: BDN 508, 10 6 10 8; Carry Over, 189-193

FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Janine Rush

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 172 | Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to Luke.**RESP)** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 793 | *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
 thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935; alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Karen Avis

Sung Response: ACS 1075 | *O God, We Call***SUNG RESP)** *O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The peace of Christ be with you all.**RESP)** **And also with you.**

WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Pr. Ben Colahan

OFFERING

As the Tree Stands Tall | Daniel Schreiner | Synergism

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CALL) The Lord be with you.

RESP) **And also with you.**

CALL) Lift up your hearts.

RESP) **We lift them to the Lord.**

CALL) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

RESP) **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

FOUNDATIONAL COMMUNION

Pr. Ben Colahan

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

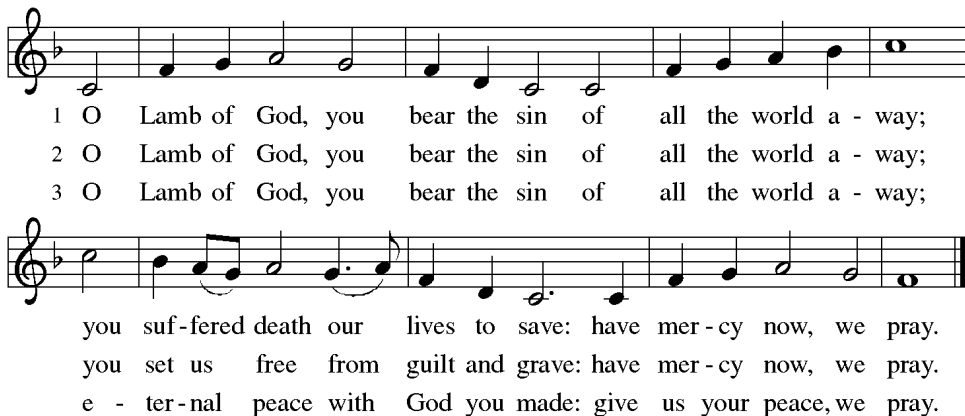
Foundational Communion Youth

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.

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting 10, p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

Come as You Are | David Crowder, Matt Redman, and Dan Glover

Cry of My Heart | Terry Butler



If you would like one-on-one, personal prayer at this time, we invite you to pray with today's Healing Minister on the north side of the room/wall facing East 1st Ave.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Karen Avis

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan

SENDING SONG

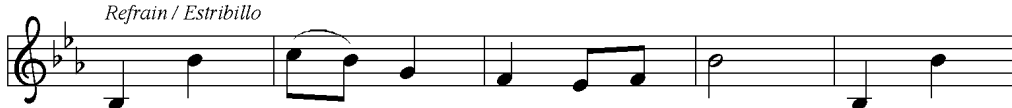
ELW 664 | Heaven is Singing for Joy



El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,
 1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



por-que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.
 for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.



Refrain / Estribillo

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933
 Music: ALEGRIA, Pablo Sosa
 Text and music © Pablo Sosa.

BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Karen Avis

CALL) Go in peace. Share the harvest.
RESP) Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary | John Stanley

Giving at Faith Lutheran



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MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Karen Avis

On-Site Council Member: Faye Johnson

On-Site Equipping Minister: Annette Jefferson

Communion: Beth Bradley, Sherri Kimmelshue, Tod Kimmelshue, Denise Parkin, and Caryl Quiñones (shepherd)

Communion Clean-up: Laurae Dunn

Ushers: Craig Fellner and Carol Grandy

Lector: Janine Rush

Welcome Table: Reidun Waddell and Kaylen Wilson

Coffee Hour: Al Struck and Judy Struck

A/V Desk: Bill Kees, Kai Pappani-McDermott, and Pat Snyder

Healing Minister: Sky Sample

Offering Counters: Joan Palmer and Cheri Sandberg

Parking Lot: Dave Barnum, Molly Barnum, Bob Bay, & Joseph Duncan

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team and Synergism—Directed by Daun Weiss

Cantor: Luke Nicolay

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
- New Members Class in Room 7 after Worship (Pr. Ben)
- Dungeons & Dragons (5e) on 2nd & 4th Sundays of Month, 5:00 p.m. Room 6 (Kate Ory, Malinda Ard)
- Sundays @ 5 Service in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

Mondays

- Inviting Silence at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Just Older Youth, Seniors! (JOYS) 2nd & 4th Mondays, 10:30a.m., Room 7
- Time Out for Art in Room 6 from 1-4:00 p.m. (Caryl Quinones, Sherrill Heinz)
- Bible Study, 1st & 3rd Mondays in Room 7 at 5:30 p.m. (Kate Ory)
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting in Room 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Quilters in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to about 2:00 p.m. (Char Miller, Diane Knight)
- Centering Prayer on Zoom from 4-5 p.m. (Bill Kees)
- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom from 5-6 p.m. (Pr. Ben)

Wednesdays

- Spanish Conversation Group on Zoom at 9am (Clark Colahan)
- Inviting Silence at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)

Thursdays

- Spiritual Seekers Bible Study on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room (Mary Schweder)
- Afternoon Games at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse from 12 to 3:00 p.m. (Elise Gladu)
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Gambler's Anonymous at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Contemporary Music Practice in the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Troop 12 in Room 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Chris Brown)

Fridays

- Men's Breakfast at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo at 8:00 a.m. (Howie Stensrud)
- Bulletin Folders in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. (Laurae Dunn)
- Food Bank, 1st & 3rd Fridays in the Parking Lot from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Lisa Roehling)

For a Time Such as This: Bonhoeffer Film
Friday, November 14 at 6pm in Room 7

This Matthew 25 inspired group focused on serving “the least of these” seeks to inspire and educate with the goal of living out the gospel of Christ to protect the vulnerable. Our first meeting will be viewing the new adaptation of *Bonhoeffer*: “As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide.”

(Rotten Tomatoes). We will show this movie in Room 7 on a large screen. Pizza and popcorn are provided! Please RSVP with Candy Munson, facilitator, at (760) 716-5268.

Foundational Communion
Sunday, November 16

During the month of November, we are teaching our elementary aged Sunday school students about communion. The goal is for each of the students recite the Lord’s Prayer, list the 10 Commandments, and recognize communion as Christ’s body and blood. On Nov. 16 the children will lead us in receiving communion. Since many have already had communion, this won’t be their First Communion, but it will be a Foundational Communion. For in this ceremony that will have established the basic foundations of a Christian faith.

Funeral for Harriet Skounborg
Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Our sister in Christ, Harriet Skounborg died at the age of 99. We give thanks for this faithful woman who fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. As we grieve her death, we celebrate that she is alive with Christ. A funeral for Harriet will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 10am. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Cards can be sent to Harriet's family: 1022 Forest Ave., Chico, CA 95928.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
Thursday, Nov. 20 & Dec. 18, 4-5:30pm in Room 7

Are you grieving a loss or know someone who is? The holidays can be hard, and we are here to offer encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season. We invite you to this 1.5-hour session here at Faith Lutheran Church in Room 7 offered both November 20th and December 18th from 4pm-5:30pm. To register, please contact the office.

Q&A With Ginger Jacobs, Immigration Attorney

Thursday, November 20 at 6pm on Zoom

No RSVP needed. Just hop onto zoom by clicking this link (passcode 667). More info coming shortly, stay tuned! Until then, please reach out to Candy Munson with questions: (760) 716-5268.

Discussion: Letter from Elizabeth Eaton (former Bishop of the ELCA) Against Christian Nationalism

Sunday, November 23 after worship at 11am in the Fellowship Hall

Sherrill Heinz will facilitate a discussion based on a letter sent from former bishop Elizabeth Eaton (copies available in the office). Join Sherrill in the fellowship hall after worship on Sunday, November 23 for a discussion about it.

Advent Workshop

Saturday, December 6 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

The fabulous, fun, Faith Lutheran tradition continues! Enjoy this free, all-ages community event and invite the whole family! Enjoy chili, cornbread, and warm drinks with live music and holiday crafts! Make sugar cookies, swags and snowflakes! Decorate the sanctuary, trim the 12-foot tree, and assemble a nativity scene! Make rosemary wreaths, Yule logs, felt snowmen, and fill aromatic lavender sachets! If you would like to lead a craft, you can sign up to do so on Sunday morning after church. Signups are at the back of the sanctuary, or by calling the office at (530) 895-3754 during office hours, M-F, 10am-Noon/1pm-4:30pm.



**We try to get through life to get to Jesus,
But through life Jesus gets to us.**

**We don't know if the world will end in our time, but we know that our
time in this world will end.**

**“Senioritis”: the decline of motivation in high school and college
students as they approach the end of their studies.**

**When Christians believe that the end is near, they too can
experience “senioritis.”**

Christ coming tomorrow does not change our calling today.

When we wait for someone else to solve our life, we put our life on hold.

This life gives us an opportunity to discover who we want to be for eternity.

*What are you waiting to get through?
What are you putting on hold while you wait?*

*If you knew you had one year to live, what would you do?
If you knew you had one hundred years to live, what would you do?*

What of those things could you start toward this week?