



Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 26, 2025

Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life. ~ *Faith Lutheran Church*

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin.

Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you. **Prayer requests** to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastors, ushers, or anyone you see! We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel comfortable here.

Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship. We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a lively, caring, and energetic community.
We are so glad you are here!

GATHERING

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

INTRODUCTION

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Morning Sunbeam
ESTHER SUNARDI, PIANIST*

FLORENCE B. PRICE*

GREETING

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **You speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In + Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING

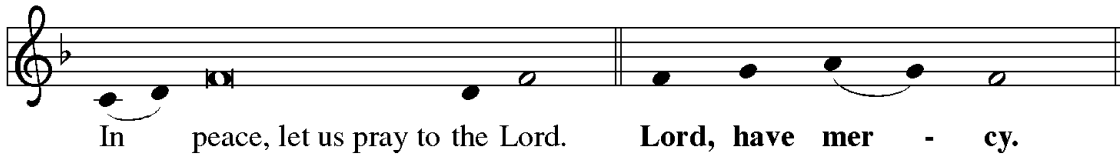
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

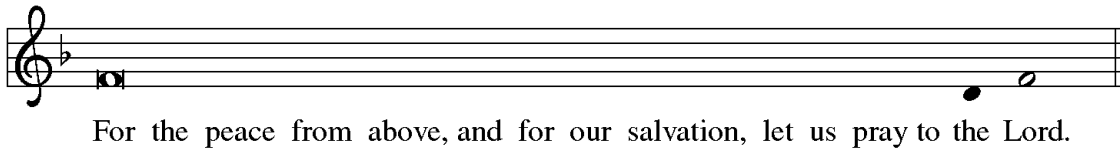
P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: **As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

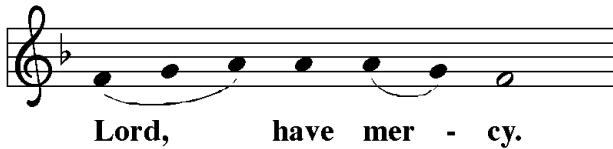
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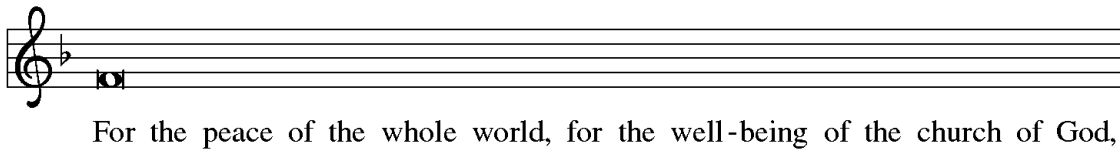
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



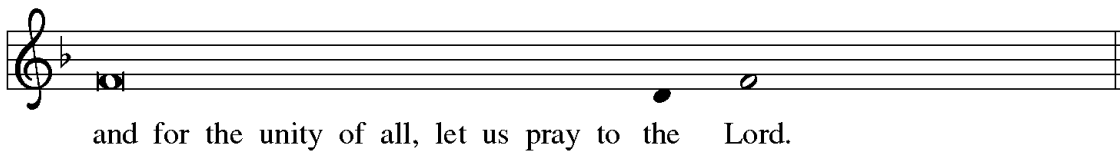
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



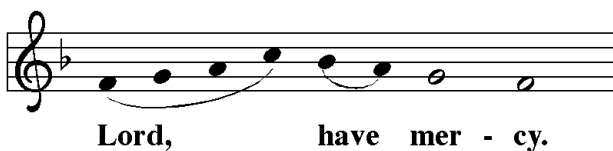
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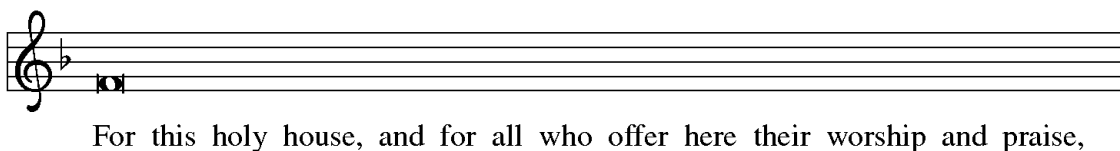
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



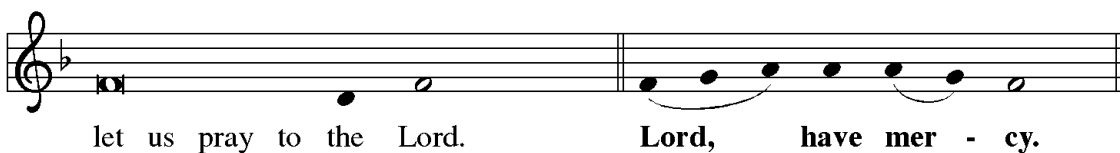
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



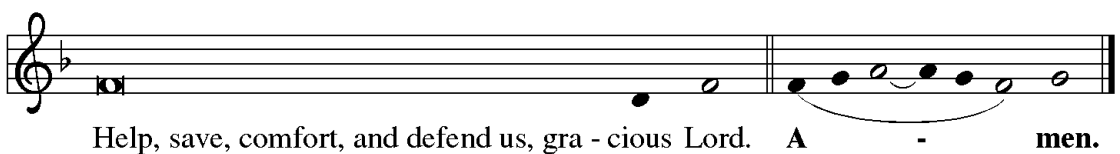
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



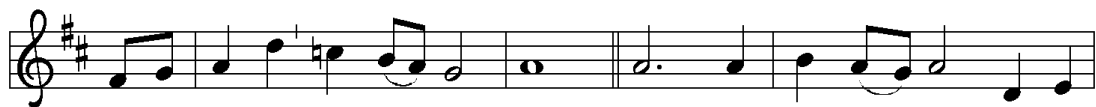
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

ALLEN POTE*+

*Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
 Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.*

*O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
 In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.*

*O God, remind us we are not alone.
 Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.*

*Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
 We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.*

*Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
 into the beauty of a rainbow; give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

~ Allen Pote*+

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Psalm 19

The teaching of the LORD revives the soul.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament^[a] proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
4 yet their voice^[b] goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens^[c] he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;^[d]
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the
 synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been
 fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SALZBURG



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

PRAYERS

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: Peace of Christ be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with God's peace.
Please be seated.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Dialogue

LOUIS MARCHAND

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
C: **Amen.**

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.**

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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: Come, for all is ready, all are welcome to this table of grace and forgiveness. If you are communing from another location, hear these words spoken for you: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN 827

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

NYT YLÖS, SIELUNI



Nyt y - lös, sie - lu - ni, nous' y - lös mul - last' täs - tä!
1 A - rise, my soul, a - rise! Stretch forth to things e - ter - nal
2 Now hear the harps of heav'n! Oh, hear the song vic - to - rious,



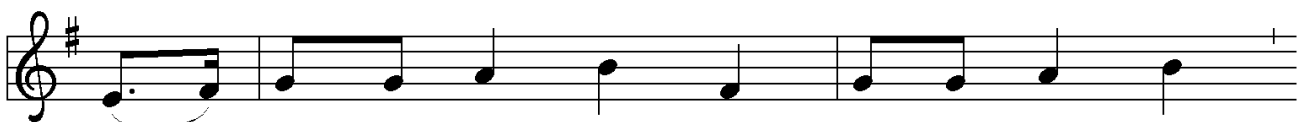
Käy jal - kain juu - reen Ju - ma - lan ja Ka - rit - san.
and has - ten to the feet of your re - deem - er God,
the nev - er - end - ing an - them sound - ing through the sky!



Ja vaikk' ei sil - mä - ni va - lo - a Her - ran kes - tä,
who, hid from mor - tal eyes, yet dwells in light su - per - nal;
To mor - tals is not giv'n to join in strains so glo - rious;



niin kui - ten - kin sä rie - mui - ten käy lau - la - maan.
so wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness, your sov - 'reign Lord.
yet here on earth we too can sing our prais - es high!



I - äi - seen i - loon ja juh - laan ja - loon
The ban - quet of love a - waits you a - bove;
Christ bought with his blood the ran - somed of God;



oot Ka - rit - san sä suu - riin häi - hin kut - sut - tu.
 yet here you have a fore - taste of the feast to come!
 to him be ev - er - last - ing pow'r and vic - to - ry.



Tai - va - han kun - ni - a on Her - ran ar - mos - ta
 Re - joice, my soul, re - joice, to heav'n lift up your voice:
 And let the great a - men re - sound through heav'n a - gain.



sun o - sa - si, sun pe - rin - tös ja ta - va - ras.
 * Siis rie - muit - se ja a - jat - te - le au - tuut - tas.
 1, 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johan Kahl, 1721–1746; Finnish tr. *Halullisten Sjelujen Hengelliset Laulut*, 1790; English tr. Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt.
 Music: NYT YLÖS, SIELUNI, Finnish folk tune
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BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
 + bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

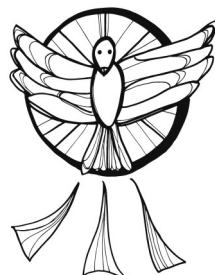
BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Help Us Learn to Love Each Other*

ALLEN POTE*

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**





Scripture Passages For Next Sunday:

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Esther Sunardi, Chancel Choir
Reader: Linda Mihalov
Ushers: Barb and Rick Friedhoff
Zoom Host: Ruth Foster-Koth
Video Tech: Jamie Estill
Altar Guild: Barb Lovseth
Fellowship: John and Jean Bergo



ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

January 27

7:00p via Zoom

Jürgen Moltmann: The Theology of Hope

Led by Pastor Shannyn

Link in the weekly email or on the Faith website.

FEBRUARY Sign Up

Reader/Usher/Fellowship

***WORSHIP NOTES: Florence Price** – whose *Adoration* was heard as last Sunday's Offertory – was born in 1887, in Little Rock, Arkansas (Faith's music director's hometown). Price's mother, a music teacher and real estate agent, supported her daughter's musical interests, leading eventually to studies in organ performance, piano pedagogy, and composition; Price graduated from the New England Conservatory in 1906.

A career as a composer, performer, teacher and administrator followed, in addition to Price's roles as wife and mother. She was active in the classical music community of Chicago's South Side; a member of the National Association of Negro Musicians, she was also a member of the Musicians Club of Women and the Chicago Club of Women Organists. Legendary vocalist Marian Anderson was a frequent collaborator with Florence Price, programming and recording the composer's art songs and concert spirituals.

Allen Pote was born in 1945 in Kansas; he graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in Church Music. As a Fulbright Scholar he studied in Belgium; he also studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. For more than two decades he served as Director of Music in churches in Texas and Florida, and currently lives in Pensacola, Florida, working as a full-time composer as well as co-directing, with his wife, Susan, the nationally known Pensacola Children's Choir of more than two-hundred singers.

Thanks to **Esther Sunardi** for sharing her musical gifts at the piano, this morning!

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The Second Annual Sanctuary Keyboards Festival, 2024 – 2025

Part III: Tamara Friedman, Pianist

The “Jazz” of Classical Piano

Music by Scarlatti, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Dvorak & Rachmaninov

Sunday, March 2 at 3pm



Praised for the depth, wit, and humor of her performances (*Seattle Times*), **Tamara Friedman** attended the Oberlin Conservatory and received her master's degree from the Mannes College of Music (NYC), studying with Lilian Kallir.

She has collaborated with such artists as Stanley Ritchie, Jaap Schroder, Max van Egmond, and Tanya Tomkins, and has been appearing with violinist Elizabeth Blumenstock as Duo Amadeus for the last several decades.

In the Pacific Northwest, Tamara has performed on the Seattle Camerata, Allegro Baroque and Beyond, Belle Arte, Early Music Guild, Gallery Concerts, and Mostly Nordic series and for the Governor's Chamber Music Festival.

She has been the featured performer in early piano workshops for Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA) and the Western Early Keyboard Association, and has lectured on Mozart for several regional and statewide music teacher associations in the Pacific Northwest.

Tamara is co-curator of the Skagit Early Keyboard Museum, where, together with George Bozarth, she welcomes performers, teachers, groups of students, and others interested in historic pianos. In the summers Tamara has been featured on the Kennebec Early Music Festival in Bath, Maine.



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JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

taking
faith
home

Jesus sets us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday Luke 4:14-21 **Jesus returns to Nazareth**
Monday Nehemiah 8:1-10 **Ezra reads God's law to the people**
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 **One body, many parts**
Wednesday Isaiah 61:1-7 **The good news of deliverance**
Thursday Leviticus 25:1-24 **The year of jubilee**
Friday Galatians 5:13-15 **Christian freedom**
Saturday Psalm 19 **God's glory in creation and the law**
Sunday Luke 4:21-30 **The prophet Jesus is rejected**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, for your message of freedom that is more desired than gold and sweeter than honey, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 19:10)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food that strengthens the body and your word that strengthens our souls, we thank you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of Christ Jesus bless you and set you free.



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JANUARY 26, 2025
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Soli Deo Gloria

taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What burdens or worries do you have? What would help set you free from them?
- Jesus came to set us free. From what would you like Jesus to set you free?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:14-21.

This is Jesus' first sermon in Luke. That makes it a particularly important message, one that reveals recurring themes in Jesus' ministry. Jesus chooses to read from Isaiah 61. The message is clear. Jesus has God's Spirit to encourage the poor, free captives, give sight to the blind, and set free those who are burdened. Finally, he is to announce the "year of the Lord's favor" (v.19), a phrase that represents the year of jubilee announced in Leviticus 25. Every fifty years slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven, and lands lost to debts would be returned to ancestral owners. This keeps society from unraveling into unlimited wealth for some and perpetual poverty for others. Jesus brings all sorts of new beginnings for powerless people. Jesus would be one of the powerless and die on a cross as a criminal. His life, death, and resurrection become the good news for a world where unfairness and abuse of powers seem to win the day, but never really will in God's rule.

Discuss: Where is there a need in today's world for Jesus' freeing power?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for freeing us to serve you with thanksgiving and serve our neighbor in love, through Christ Jesus who preaches good news for all. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how can you help someone be released from their worries?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The closing prayer in Psalm 19 is often used at the beginning of sermons, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (v. 14). Pray this verse as part of a morning prayer ritual to honor the day and see your actions and thoughts as a form of praise to God.



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