

**Faith Lutheran Church
Andover, MA**

May each person feel *invited* to this community,
equipped to use their gifts to the Glory of God,
and sent to *serve*.

**Sunday, November 19, 9:15 AM
Service of Holy Communion**



Please know that we record or live-stream worship services from our church in order to reach out to those who are unable to attend in person, or who wish to participate in our services remotely. We share the recorded or live-streamed services with the general public on YouTube and other internet sites. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the back two rows and ask an usher for the pastor to distribute communion to you from your seat.

To all who join us in worship online or in person,
you are welcome here!

We invite you to share the sacrament of holy communion with us. If you are worshipping online, please prepare by having a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of wine, grape juice, or water at your side. If you are worshipping in person, you will be invited to come forward around the communion table to receive the sacrament.

“Busy bags” are available for all non-school-aged children to help keep them occupied during worship. These are hanging on the back of the last pew, so please help yourself to one on your way into the service. Kindly return to the same location when the service is over.

Please share your prayer requests either by writing them on the paper on the podium at the entrance to the worship space or by emailing them to prayers@faith-andover.org.

If you would like to be added to our weekly email list, which shares upcoming events and activities, sign up on our website: www.faith-andover.org.

For pastoral care needs or to chat, contact Pastor Jen at 978-806-8255 or email jen@faith-andover.org or drop in at Caffè Nero in Andover on Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and Noon.

We use Facebook and Instagram. Find us @Faith.Andover and @faithandover.

Welcome!

We pray this time enriches your spiritual life.



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands as able.

GATHERING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness," ELW 843

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

ALL: And also with you.

KYRIE

The Kyrie is a prayer for mercy. The leader sings the parts as marked. Everyone joins in the parts marked "Assembly."

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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

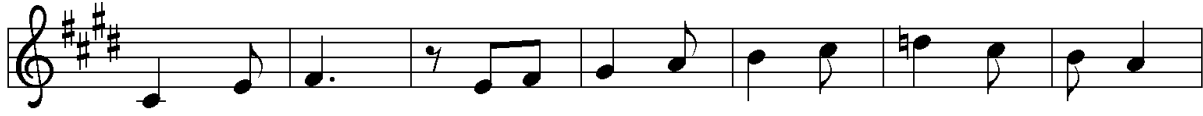
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE.....Now the Feast and Celebration, ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Lord, you have searched your people for evidence of goodness, the way fruit is sought in a vineyard. Send your righteous judge and find goodness in your faithful children.

ALL: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

READING..... Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my loved one
a love song for his vineyard.

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

²He dug it,
cleared away its stones,
planted it with excellent vines,
built a tower inside it,
and dug out a wine vat in it.

He expected it to grow good grapes—
but it grew rotten grapes.

³So now, you who live in Jerusalem, you people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I haven't done for it?

When I expected it to grow good grapes,
why did it grow rotten grapes?

⁵Now let me tell you what I'm doing to my vineyard.
I'm removing its hedge,
so it will be destroyed.

I'm breaking down its walls,
so it will be trampled.

⁶I'll turn it into a ruin;
it won't be pruned or hoed,
and thorns and thistles will grow up.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it.

⁷The vineyard of the Lord of heavenly forces is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are the plantings in which God delighted.

God expected justice, but there was bloodshed;
righteousness, but there was a cry of distress!

¹A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout from his roots.

²The Lord's spirit will rest upon him,
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of planning and strength,
a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

³He will delight in fearing the Lord.
 He won't judge by appearances,
 nor decide by hearsay.
⁴He will judge the needy with righteousness,
 and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.
 He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;
 by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness will be the belt around his hips,
 and faithfulness the belt around his waist.

Word of God, word of life.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The assembly is invited to stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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GOSPEL Mark 12:1-3

The holy gospel according to Mark.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus spoke to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. ²When it was time, he sent a servant to collect from the tenants his share of the fruit of the vineyard. ³But they grabbed the servant, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

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

SERMON..... Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk
The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming,” ELW 272
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**ALL: 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Lord you call us to hard things:
digging and planting, watering and weeding,
feeding and nurturing.
Help us to persevere even when we don’t see
the fruits of growth and goodness.
Lord in your mercy,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

Lord the world is filled with hard things:
hunger and injustice,
destruction and violence,
grief and illness.
Help those who suffer in any way, especially Derrick, Amie and Chris, John, Ed, the Rohr
family, Ken, Phil, and James.

Lord in your mercy,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

Lord, our lives often have hard things.
Bless those who feel uncared for or rejected
that they may be drawn into loving relationship.
Bless those who feel overrun by responsibility
that they may know peace and respite.
Bless those injured by the actions of others
that they may be granted justice.
Lord in your mercy,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

Lord, in this week of thanksgiving,
we remember your blessings.
For the good things you provide,
for the opportunities you offer,
for the guidance you grant us,
for the relationships you cultivate,
for the friendships you foster,
for the faith you show in us,
for the promises you keep,
for the hope you embody,
for the love you lavish on us,
we give you thanks.
Help us live lives of gratitude.
Lord in your mercy,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the concerns and celebrations named today...

In Jesus' name we pray.
ALL: Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be made with cash, check, or online <https://tinyurl.com/fnem2ht6>



CALLED TO SERVE..... Tanya Hayward

OFFERTORY Etude in C – John A. Behnke [Children’s Chimes]

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Lord God,
our gifts may seem meagre in response to your goodness.
Our words may seem inadequate in the telling of your story.
Our thoughts may stray from the service of your people.
Our hearts may not always be in the right place.
Yet we offer them all for they are all we have.
Bless them and use them as only you can.
In Jesus’ name.
ALL: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

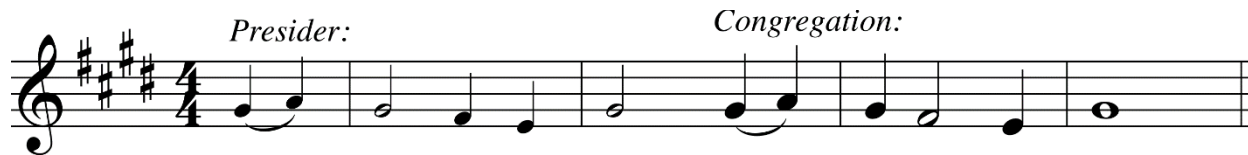
Let us pray.
**ALL: Forgive us Lord,
for the times in which we are not grateful;
for the times in which we are selfish;
for the times in which self-interest winds its way into our hearts.
Refresh us and replant within us a yearning for you
And a hunger for a world of justice and fairness that all may grow and flourish.**

God lifts us once again
into the eternal promise of grace and forgiveness.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
ALL: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks .We may think of it as saying grace before a meal.

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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PREFACE PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: 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

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to the table for holy communion.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

At this time, those gathered at home may share the elements of bread and wine that you have at your home communion table.

Those gathered in person will be invited to come forward at the direction of an usher and kneel or stand around the communion table. You will be given a wafer (gluten-free are also available) by the pastor, which you may then consume. An assisting minister will invite you to take a pre-filled cup of white wine or red grape juice, which you may then consume before returning to your seat.

If you prefer to stay at your seat and have the pastor bring you communion, please let an usher know.

LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. 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.

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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

With Advent in our sight

we leave this place,

our peace made with God.

As we prepare to make ready

for the arrival of Christ the King

from the royal line of David,

may our hearts be open

to this different kind of King.

A King that reshaped and changed the world forever.

A King whose peace we are given

and whose blessing is ours unbidden.

A King whose love is unconditional and offered freely.
Peace, blessing and love be with you all.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN....."Light Dawns on a Weary World," ELW 726

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Prayer of Confession, Prayers and Blessing adapted from *Spill the Beans*, spillbeans.org.uk
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PRAYER LIST

for Derrick Kunde for healing,
for Chris and Amie Kearney,
for John Pollard and Ed Karp for healing,
for the Rohr family, especially Ken,
for Phil Liaboe and James Lino.

We are a praying congregation. In order to keep our prayer list current,
please let us know of any additions or changes by email to prayers@faith-andover.org.
We will pray in worship for 3 weeks, unless you tell us otherwise.

Assisting in Worship Today

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

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Assisting Minister: Hermayne Gordon

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Acolyte: Ethan Sullivan

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