

Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members and visitors in Jesus' name

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

5 p.m., July 13, 2025



To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others 7750 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL, 34238 | 941-924-4664 | www.faithlutheransrq.com

All who are baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.

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Assisting Minister	Deacon Scott Rice	
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Pastor	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen	
Assistant to the Pastor	Rev. Larry Wright	
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Executive Assistant	Carrie Christenson	

- Noted throughout the service P: Presiding Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**
- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

WE STAND

SONG: Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

Chorus Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come. *Verse 1* One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now. *Chorus*

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come.

Verse 2 Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind and strength we gladly choose You now.

Ending

Come, just as you are, come.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

(pause for reflection)

Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

SONG: Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1 Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God, And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2 King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God, And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

L: A reading from Deuteronomy.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

L: We read Psalm 25:4 responsively.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. **C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

L: ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. **C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.** L: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

WE STAND

SONG: In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song, This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe, This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save. Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied, For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P^{: 25} An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

WE SIT

MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart ELW 750 We sing together Continued on next page

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: HERZLICH LIEB, B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

L: Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. We also pray for an end to suffering in Cuba, and an enduring, just peace in Israel, Gaza, Russia, Ukraine and all areas rocked by unrest. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

L: Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts *(pause)*. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WE STAND

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.

WE SIT

OFFERTORY



There is an offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrg.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

WE STAND

SONG: This I Believe (The Creed)

Verse 1 Our Father everlasting, The all-creating One, God Almighty, through Your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus 1 I believe in God our Father. I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is three in One. I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again, For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Verse 2 Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified, Forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life Forever seated high.

Chorus 2 I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church. I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again For I believe in the Name of Jesus. Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker CCLI Song #7018338 © 2014 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #22316890

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. 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 to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

WE SIT

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE STAND

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG: How Great is our God

How Great is our God. The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty Let all the Earth rejoice All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning and the end The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Name above all names (how great is our God, sing with me) Worthy of our praise (how great is our God, and all will see) My heart will sing How great is our God

You're the name above all names (how great is our God, sing with me) You are worthy of our praise (how great is our God, and all will see) And my heart will sing How great is our God How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God *Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves*

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Welcome, Visitors!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by signing our guestbook and/or filling out a Visitor Card located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. The new location will be The Oasis Café & Bakery, 3542 S. Osprey Ave.
- **The Prayer Support Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion.
- Women of Faith will meet on Monday, July 21. Join us then for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m. at Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, pastorp2.0@gmail.com.

Contact officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com:

- If you or someone you know would appreciate a communion, hospital or home visit; to be contacted; or to receive a card in the mail.
- To add or remove a name from the Prayer List.

Prayer List

Lucy Abbott, sister-in-law of Judy Millard Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri & Terry Copper **Billy Bajor** Pastor Bill Baum Stephanie Bollinger, friend of Marlene Radesk Family and Friends of Gail Brown Dee Burlingame Rick Chauncey, son of Wess Chauncey Jerry Clancy Linda Craley, sister-in-law of Dick & Jetty Zarfos Lindsey Dacey Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd Nancy Dandino Patrice Deal Didi, friend of Rebecca Winemiller Tyeann Dillon Ken Dixon, online worshipper Trevor Dukat, friend of Lisa Olsen Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate Mark Evan Beth and Maggie Farmer, daughter & granddaughter of Lynn & Jerry Clancv John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine Flower Marty Friedman, friend of Marlene Radesk Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate Anatoliy Gurov Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Jon & Anita Wooton Pete Inkrott Friends and Family of Bruce Katz Alf Kirkeeng Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch

Juli & Eli Maresch, niece and grand-nephew of Patty McKee Dick Mejchar, brother-in-law of Patty McKee Judy McMahon, friend of Kristine Ordman Family & Friends of Judi Melander John Millard Bob Miller, friend of Bill Greenaway Dulce Mogan, friend of Nancy Flanagan Valerie Nicolls, mother of Pastor Ashley Nicolls Kathy Ocker, friend of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa Olsen Sue Ostrom, friend of Marlene Radesk Rev. Marianne Powrie Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz Kathy Schilio Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller Ken Sons, friend of Al Ernst and Cliff Hornsby Family & Friends of Rev. John Spittal Donna Stein, niece of John & Tricia Thomsen Norman Stoll, brother of Dottie Gustavson Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen Darren Thomsen, son of John & Tricia Thomsen Josephine Grace Ubranski, granddaughter of Mark & Ann Greenwood Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith Carol Wambold Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith Jon Wooton Joan Worth Rev. Melvin Younger, friend of Bill Greenaway Mike Zuba, friend of Marlene Radesk

Worship and Service Calendar

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. in person. Morning services live streamed and recorded at www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service and at facebook.com/faithlutheransrq.

Sunday, July 6

 Online views
 236

 8 a.m. in person
 25

 10:15 a.m. in person
 68

 5 p.m.
 12

Next Sunday, July 20

Genesis 18:1-10a The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to three visitors of the Lord

Psalm 15

Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

Colossians 1:15-28 Hymn to Christ, the firstborn of all creation

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus says: Martha, your sister Mary has chosen the better part

This Week at Faith

Monday, July 14

10:30 a.m. Balletone, upstairs classroom

Tuesday, July 15

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Wednesday, July 16

10:30 a.m.	Balletone, upstairs classroom
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Support Group, chapel
11:30 a.m.	Property Team Meeting, conf room
6 p.m.	Zumba, community center

Thursday, July 17

9 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting,
	conference room
9 a.m.	Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
10:30 a.m.	Executive Council Meeting,
	conference room
1:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting, conf. room
4:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
5 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution

Friday, July 18

8 a.m. Jazzercize, community center

Saturday, July 19

8 a.m. Jazzercize, community center