

# Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members and visitors in Jesus' name

# **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

5 p.m., July 6, 2025



We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

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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- 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.

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### WE SIT

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

L: We read Psalm 66:4 responsively.

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name.

C: All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name.

L: 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands;

be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

C: All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name.

L: <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

- <sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- <sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## C: All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name.

#### 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 10:1-11, 16-20

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

**MESSAGE** 

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

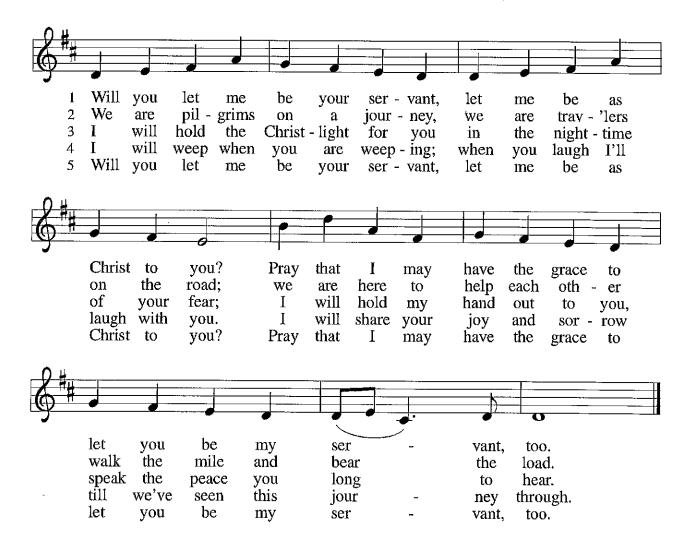
**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

**ELW 659** 

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## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



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#### $WE\,SIT$

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

L: You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace.

C: hear our prayer.

L: All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.** 

L: You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. We pray especially for a just peace in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Russia, Ukraine and all areas rocked by unrest. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love, especially Gail Brown. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 faithlutheransrq.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.

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#### 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

- Women of Faith will meet on Monday, July 7. 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.
- Men of Faith meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. The new location for July will be The Toasted Yoke Café, 3750 S. Tamiami Trail.
- 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.

## Help Us Meet the Growing Need at Our Food Pantry

We've been experiencing a significantly increased demand at our food pantry, and at times, we are unable to source quality animal protein through All Faith's Food Bank. When this happens, we purchase additional protein products to ensure that our families continue to receive nutritious food. However, these extra purchases are putting a strain on our budget.

If you have the capacity and willingness to contribute a little extra to our general fund during this time of high demand, your support would go a long way in helping us continue to serve our community with dignity and compassion.

Thank you for standing with us.

## Vision Task Force Initiative

**Please stay tuned!** The Vision Task Force at Faith Lutheran will be hosting a series of Temple Talks, designed to share insights and spark conversation about the future direction of our ministry and community life. These talks will be followed by Focus Group Discussions where we can discern together where God is leading our congregation. All are encouraged to participate.

## Worship to Go Needs You

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! You can participate on the following days and times:

- 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, at The Barclay, 3260 Lake Pointe Blvd.
- 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave.
- 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 29, at Aravilla Sarasota, 3251 Proctor Road.

Volunteers will meet in the chapel and can carpool to the facility (30 minutes prior). To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055, or show up at the chapel. No experience necessary!

## Faith Book Club Resumes July 28

The Faith Book Club will meet on Monday, July 28 at 2 p.m. Our reading selection is *Summer Guests* by Tess Gerritsen. This book is the second in a series that follows the exploits of ex-CIA agents living in Maine. Follow along with them as they try to solve a new mystery.

## In Loving Memory of Gail Brown

We are deeply saddened to share that beloved member, Gail Brown, joined the church triumphant on July 1 after a courageous battle with an extended illness. She was surrounded by the love and comfort of her family in her final moments. Please keep her devoted husband, Bill, her children, Karen and Todd, and all of Gail's family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. May they feel the peace and presence of God as they grieve the loss of such a cherished soul. Plans for a service of resurrection and life will take place in September. Details will follow.

## Need a Ride to Church?

Faith will pay for Uber or Lyft to bring you or others to worship or other events. Contact Pastor Eric to make arrangements, 716-352-0055.

## Bereavement Group on Summer Hiatus

Our Bereavement Group will be taking a break for the summer months. We will resume weekly meetings in early fall. Stay tuned!

#### 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 & 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

Tyeann Dillon

Ken Dixon, online worshipper

Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate

Mark Evan

Beth and Maggie Farmer, daughter & granddaughter of Lynn & Jerry Clancy

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 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

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, June 29

Online views	131
8 a.m. in person	32
10:15 a.m. in person	68
5 p.m.	12

## Next Sunday, July 13

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The Lord will take delight in your fruitfulness

Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

Colossians 1:1-14

The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

### This Week at Faith

Monday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast, Skillets,

3750 S Tamiami Trl

10:30 a.m. Balletone, upstairs classroom

5 p.m. Evangelism Ministry Team,

conf. room

Tuesday, July 8

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, The Toasted

Yolk Café, 3750 S Tamiami Trl

10:15 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel

10:45 a.m. Worship to Go, The Barclay

Wednesday, July 9

10:30 a.m. Balletone, upstairs classroom

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel

6 p.m. Zumba, community center

Thursday, July 10

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall

5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12

8 a.m. Jazzercize, community center

9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room