

Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members and visitors in Jesus' name

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

5 p.m., August 3, 2025



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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.

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

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: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

L: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

PSALM: Psalm 49

L: We read Psalm 49 responsively.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

C: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

L: ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
² you of high degree and low,
rich and † poor together.
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

C: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

L: 5 Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

- ⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?
- One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- ⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,
- ⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
- ¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- ¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

C: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

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.

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GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 13 Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Depends on Our Possessing

ELW 589

We sing together (see next page)

All Depends on Our Possessing



Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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: Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. We 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: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts (*pause*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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 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

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 Worthy of our praise My heart will sing How great is our God

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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, August 4th. 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 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.

Remembering Gail Brown

A service of resurrection and life for **Gail Brown** will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 13, in the sanctuary. A luncheon will immediately follow at the Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club, 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238. Please keep her husband, Bill, and all of Gail's family and friends in your prayers.

Time and Talent Survey

We're hoping to welcome new worship assistants to our current roster! We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might share your gifts with the congregation. Copies of Ministry positions and survey forms are located in the narthex and in your Friday update email. Completed forms should be returned by August 31st.

You can submit your form by:

Turning it in to the church office, or

Emailing it directly to juliannegeyser@gmail.com

Pastor's Discretionary Fund Needs Replenishment!!! (Please make a special donation if you are able)

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund enables quiet, immediate help to individuals facing emergencies—help with rent, groceries, utilities, or gas. Your contribution, no matter how small, becomes a lifeline in a moment of need. Please consider giving today. If you use giving envelopes, you will find a special envelope in your packet this month. You can also give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com.

Lend a Hand at our Food Pantry

During the summer months, our food pantry sees an increase in need—and with many regular volunteers away, we could use extra hands! We are especially looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained to check in guests using iPads. It's simple, and we'll show you how. If you have a couple of hours to spare and a heart to serve, please consider joining us at church every Thursday at 9 a.m. for deliveries and set up and/or 5 p.m. for prep and distribution.

Donations for our Food Pantry Needed

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

The Vision Task Force at Faith Lutheran will be hosting Temple Talks, designed to share insights and spark conversation about the future direction of our ministry and community life. Focus Group Discussions where we can discern together where God is leading our congregation will be held during coffee hour. All are encouraged to participate.

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

Nancy Breen

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 Clancy

John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine Flower

Marty Friedman, friend of Marlene Radesk

Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate

Virginia Garcia

Emily Gonzalez

Anatoliy Gurov

Paula Harris

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

Kevin Lasko

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

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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 27

Online views	253
8 a.m. in person	26
10:15 a.m. in person	70
5 p.m.	10

Next Sunday, August 10

Genesis 15:1-6

God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai

Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God

Luke 12:32-40

God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have

This Week at Faith Monday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast, Skillets 10:30 a.m. Balletone, upstairs classroom

Tuesday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Oasis Café & Bakery, 3542 S. Osprey Ave
3:00 pm St. Paul's Feed the hungry prep
Meet in Faith's Kitchen

Wednesday, August 6

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

Thursday, August 7

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall 5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution

Friday, August 8

8 a.m. Jazzercize, community center

Saturday, August 9

8 a.m. Jazzercize, community center