

Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members and visitors in Jesus' name

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m., June 23, 2024



Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

All the 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.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Alix and Ray Giannini in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

Presiding Minister Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

Lector Ron Walter

Director of Music/Organist David V. Patrick

Greeters & Ushers Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz,

Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,

Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Scott Rice,

Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

Media Team Kelly Ashlock, Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell,

Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Mark Greenwood

Altar Guild Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson,

Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson,

Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan

Congregation Council Scott Rice, president; Lauren Wardach, vice

president; Mark Nelson, secretary; Anita Wooton, treasurer; Jane Sanks, assistant treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Quyen Dang;

Ann Greenwood; Peggy Ragan; Joan Searles

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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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. (brief silence)

Holy God,

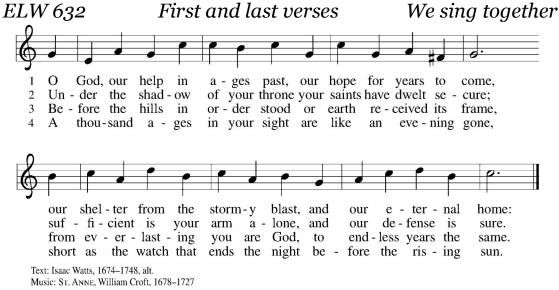
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



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GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

L: A Reading from Job.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

L: We read verses from Psalm 107 responsively.

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

C: You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

L: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

C: You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

L: ²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,

God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

C: You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

L: ³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

C: You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

L: A Reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together



GOSPEL: Mark: 4:35-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756 First and last verses We sing together See next page

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

WE SIT

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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

Following each prayer petition, we respond:

P: ... Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

As the prayers conclude:

P: ... Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love 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.

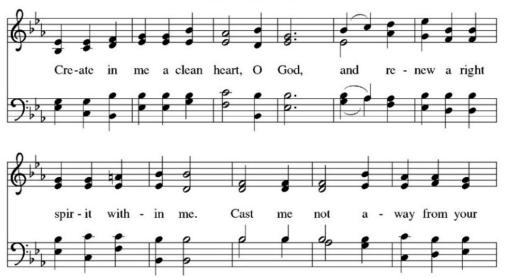
WE SIT

OFFERTORY



The offering is collected at this time. Give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

WE STAND We sing together Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song





OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

THE 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.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God ...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...

... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

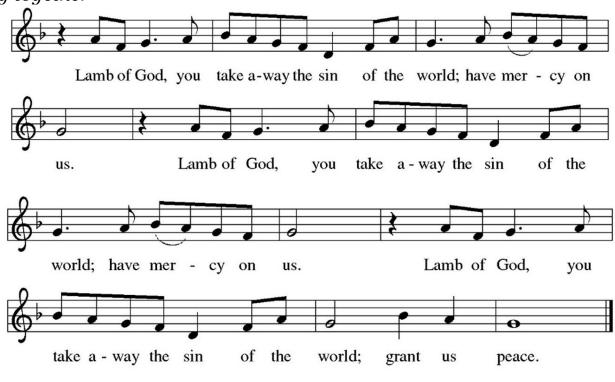
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION SONG

We sing together



WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION

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

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. Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Now receive a blessing: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, \pm be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen!



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Thomas Pavlechko

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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.

Service of Resurrection and Life: Pastor David Wagner

The Service of Resurrection and Life for Pastor David Wagner will begin at **10:30 a.m. tomorrow**, **Monday**, **June 24**, **in the sanctuary**. A reception will follow in fellowship hall.

Readers Club Meets Tomorrow

Readers Club meets tomorrow, **Monday, June 24, in the library** to discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. All are welcome. Please join!

Join in Prayer

- Men of Faith meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, at Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami. This is the final prayer breakfast until fall.
- 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. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity! The Joy of Receiving God's Blessings: Appreciating What We Have

Scripture: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). **Prayer:** Lord, thank you for your generosity to me. Help me to receive with a thankful heart. Amen.

Faith Food Pantry Needs You and Your Donations

Help care for hundreds of our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the white food pantry barrel. And **please consider volunteering at the pantry this summer** as friends help friends with both food and attention.

Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel.** If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.

Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with "altar flowers" in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday**, **July 28.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, faithlutheransrq.com.

From Pastor Larry: Which of These Biblical Books Would You Prefer to Study?

During our most recent Adult Bible Study gathering, we decided to try a different study method when we meet in October -- a chapter-and-verse reading of a selected book of the Bible.

My task was to present two or three choices for your consideration. It seemed to me that we should select a work from the Apostle Paul. Most of his material is in the form of letters and is brief enough for us to read in six weeks. He in large part addresses "do and don't" points of Christian living in his day. It will be interesting to see how his teachings stack up with our contemporary views.

Please consider **Ephesians**, **Philippians** or **Colossians**. After perusing those choices, **your task is to report which you would prefer to study by indicating your preference on the response page in the narthex or responding to the survey in the Faith Friday Update email. Thanks in advance for your input. I'll take it from there. I look forward to our discussions in the fall.**

Note: For the Spring 2025 Adult Bible Study session, we agreed to return to the study method in which I "bring the seminary to you" using DVD lectures and textbooks to foster discussion.

Kids and Families: Register for VBS

Register now for Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp, July 22-26 at Faith. It will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday of that week, concluding at noon Friday with a special program for families and friends. There is no cost to attend, and lunch and snacks are included! Taught by trained teachers from Camp Luther Springs, VBS will include Bible study, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature studies and more. Look for details, and the registration and health forms in the Faith Friday Update email. To ask questions or get hard copies of the forms, contact Pastor Eric, pastor@faithlutheransrq.com or 716-352-0055.

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Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Live-streamed and recorded at: www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, June 16

| Online views | 131 |
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| 8 a.m. in person | 25 |
| 10:15 a.m. in person | 101 |

Next Sunday, June 30 First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33 Great is the Lord's faithfulness.

Psalmody

Psalm 30 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up (*Ps. 30:1*)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Mark 5:21-43 Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter.

This Week at Faith Monday, June 24

10:30 a.m. Service of Resurrection and Life for

Pastor David Wagner, sanctuary 12 p.m. Reception, fellowship hall

2 p.m. Readers Club, library

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast, Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami

5 p.m. Congregation Council, conf. room 7 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,

sanctuary

Wednesday, June 26

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel 1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, June 27

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep 5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Friday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Saturday, June 29

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym 9 a.m. Diakonia, conf. room

Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

- 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.
- Contact communications@faithlutheransrq.com if you have an addition to the Prayer List. Please send updates when prayers are answered.

Prayer List

Alan

Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips

Chuck & Tani Banta

Family & Friends of Allan Boardman,

friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell

Arthur Brucato,

friend of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt

Michael Burgess, friend of Janice Lorenz's son

Dee Burlingame

Evelyn Conlon

Jeanine Davis (nee Molella),

granddaughter of Karen and John White

Eloise Dettmer

Ryan Donahue, friend of Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia

Andrea Gamboa

Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles

Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head

Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock

Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen

Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of

Anita and Jon Wooton

Cliff Hornsby

Jesus & Rita Jimenez

Lillian Lapenckas

Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &

Michael Leonhardt

Judi Melander

Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis &

Michael Leonhardt

Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk

Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa and Pastor Eric Olsen

Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan

Family & Friends of Wally Pina

Cindy Press, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell

Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder and

sister of Gail Murphy

Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of

Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins

Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush

Rev. John Spittal

Mark Stengel

Family & Friends of Pastor David Wagner

Brittany Wanko and her premature newborn

infants, Olivia Mae and Emmet Walter

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