

## Faith Lutheran Church

## We warmly greet members and visitors in Jesus' name

## **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

8 a.m., June 2, 2024



Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

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 Steve and Peggy Ragan in honor and memory of their parents, Doug and Virginia Ragan and Clayton and Shirley Woulf

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

**Lector** Sandy Gerber

**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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PastorRev. Eric Olaf OlsenAssistant to the PastorRev. Larry Wright

**Retired Pastors in Residence**Rev. Larry Wright
Rev. John Hilficker

Rev. Marianne Powrie Rev. John Spittal

**Director of Family and Child Ministry** Deborah Dornemann

**Lead Cantor/Music Librarian** Tom Tryon

**Interim Operations Administrator** Kelly Ashlock

**Communications Administrator** Linda Fewell

- 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**

#### Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

## ELW 553 First and last verses We sing together



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

#### **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. Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

L: A Reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALMODY: Psalm 81:1-10

L: We read verses from Psalm 81 responsively.

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

C: Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

L: ¹Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

#### C: Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

L: <sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

6"I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.

#### C: Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

L: <sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

- <sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

#### C: Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

#### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

L: A Reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

<sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

<sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

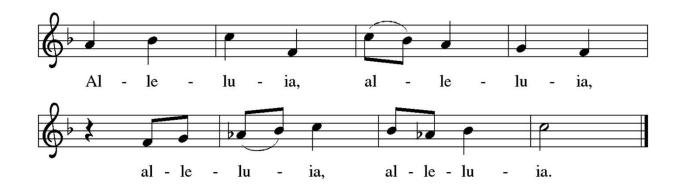
Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **WE STAND**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We sing together



#### GOSPEL: Mark 2:23 - 3:6

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

<sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

<sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?

<sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

<sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward."

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

<sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

<sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy 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** 

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810 First and last verses We sing together See next page

#### O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

#### **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.

#### WE SIT

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each prayer petition, we respond:

L: ... 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 ...

... 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 ...

... 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.

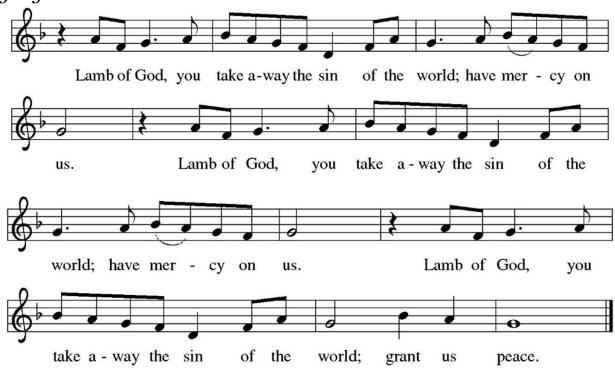
Amen.

#### 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,

+ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen!



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#### **DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

#### Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

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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

- Men of Faith meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, at Skillets, 8635 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. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.

## 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.

## 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.

## Mary Circle Meets June 11

**Tuesday, June 11, Mary Circle will meet at noon for lunch in fellowship hall.** The agenda will include growth strategies and plans. The group will take a July break before starting afresh with new activities. All women are invited to join as Mary Circle provides service to the church and fellowship for all.

## Faith Food Pantry Needs You and Your Donations

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

## 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 Deborah Dornemann, familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-914-7553.

## 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 14.** 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.

## Faith Walk and Talk Continues Active Fellowship

Prayer, an outdoor walk, coffee and a closing prayer of thanks bring people of Faith together during Faith Walk and Talk. Plan to join the group at **9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, and the second Saturday of each month outside of Panera Gulf Gate, 6589 S. Tamiami Trail.** If you would enjoy the talk but not the walk, arrive at 10:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Carolyn Francis, 941-400-0083.

## Faith's Prayer List Begins Anew: Use Email or Prayer Request Cards to Add Someone to the List

It's time to update the Faith Prayer List so, beginning today, the list begins anew. To add someone to the list or to reinstate someone who had previously been on the list:

- Email communications@faithlutheransrq.com.
- Complete a Prayer Request Card found in the pews, on the tables at the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex. Place it in the offering plate. You are welcome to use the back of the card for additional names.

It is a privilege and joy to pray for those in need, and all prayer requests are welcome. Names can remain on the list for as long as prayers are requested.

## S.U.R.E. Helps Us Serve the Vulnerable

Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (S.U.R.E), a faith-based community organizing organization of which Faith is a covenant member, trains volunteers to work with community leaders and public officials to correct inequities in the Sarasota community that adversely affect the poor, under-served and disadvantaged. S.U.R.E. currently is leading efforts to promote affordable housing in our area. You can make a donation to S.U.R.E. through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or by designating a contribution via cash or check.

## Worship to Go is Growing, Needs Your Help

Worship to Go is growing and needs additional helpers! A new Worship to Go opportunity is set for **1:30 p.m.**, **Monday**, **June 10**, **at Sarabella Senior Living**, **5650 Gantt Road**. Volunteers will meet at **12:30 p.m.** in the Faith **chapel** and will carpool to the facility. That opportunity joins two ongoing Worship to Go services. The next at:

- Elance, next door to Faith, is set for 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, in the independent living facility's Tiffany Room. Volunteers will review the service at 10 a.m. in the chapel.
- Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore, is set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 18. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the chapel and will carpool to the facility.

Participating is heartwarming and fun. To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!

## Readers Club Meets June 24

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

# Faith Receives New Members During Both Worship Services June 9.

## 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, May 26

Online views	324
8 a.m. in person	23
10:15 a.m. in person	109

## Next Sunday, June 9

#### First Reading Genesis 3:8-15

God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden.

#### **Psalmody**

Psalm 130 Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (*Ps.* 130:7)

#### **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 Renewed in the inner nature.

#### Gospel

Mark 3:20-35 Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ.

## This Week at Faith

Monday, June 3

#### Tuesday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast,

Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

7 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,

sanctuary

#### Wednesday, June 5

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

#### Thursday, June 6

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery

10 a.m. Jazzercize, gym

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep 5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

#### Friday, June 7

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

#### Saturday, June 8

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

9:30 a.m. Faith Walk and Talk, Panera,

6589 S. Tamiami

#### Sunday, June 9

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

2 p.m. German Congregation Worship and

**Fellowship** 

• 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**

Dee Burlingame
Evelyn Conlon
Eloise Dettmer
Andrea Gamboa
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head
Becky Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of
Anita and Jon Wooton
Jesus & Rita Jimenez

Lillian Lapenckas
Judi Melander
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
Wally Pina
Cindy Press, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell
Family & Friends of Pastor David Wagner
Brittany Wanko and her premature newborn
infants, Olivia Mae and Emmet Walter
Jon Wooton

