



Faith Lutheran Church

2576 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 | (585)381-3970 | faithpenfield.org



LUKE 12:49, ESV

August 17, 2025 + 10:45 am

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025 + 10:45 am

WORSHIP MUSIC

THE SOLID ROCK

Charlie Hall

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Chorus

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

Verse 2

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus***

Verse 3

**His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood,
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay. *Chorus***

Verse 4

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus***

THE SOLID ROCK © 2004 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) sixsteps Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing All rights reserved. International copyright secured. Used by permission. CCLI License 1723768

WELCOME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

***OPENING SONG**

TRUST IN GOD

Crosby, Lake, Brown, Wong, Furtick

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,
And what He did for me on Calv'ry is more than enough.**

Chorus

**I trust in God, my Savior the One who will never fail...
He will never fail...
I trust in God, my Savior, the One who will never fail...
He will never fail...**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song.
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long.**

Chorus twice

TRUST IN GOD © Brandon Lake Music; Music by Elevation Worship Publishing; A Wong
Made Write Publishing; Integrity's Praise! Music. Used by Permission. CCLI License
1723768

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***A TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Sung

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

Spoken Confession

Sung

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

Spoken Absolution

Sung

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST Copyright © 2013 Getty Music Publishing | Matthew Merker
Music. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. CCLI License # 1723768

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord!
Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹ “I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of

God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA**

Sinclair

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

MESSAGE

"We Didn't Start the Fire ... But!"

Pastor Pape

Text: Luke 12:49

***A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Larson
(Terry Allen, piano; Elizabeth Balentine, Kristine Parmele, flutes)

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Barbara Pratt**, P.E.O. sister of Paula Reitz, Jackie Kuipers and Lynne Leinenbach, multiple health issues
- **Elvira Tausch**, dear friend of Doris Laitenberger, undergoing surgery on 8/18 with multiple health issues
- **Beth Harstad**, compression fracture of the 3rd sacral vertebrae following a fall
- **Lisa Nawrocki**, cousin of Beth Harstad, cancer recurrence with positive treatment results
- **Tom Didas**, good friend of Ralph and Beth Harstad, treatment for bladder cancer
- **William Gwin**, friend of the Oaks family who is hospitalized with an aggressive leg infection
- **Scott Hammond**, son of Tom and Nancy, recovering with multiple injuries following an incident at work

Thanksgiving:

- **For the marriage of Abbie Claire Nuijens to Ethan Winter Appleton** on Saturday, August 16, the granddaughter of Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner and the daughter of Dan & Kristin Nuijens

Called to Glory:

- **Vincent Poromon** (8/9/25), brother of Sunny Poromon, after a battle with cancer
- **Keith Gierman** (8/13/25), husband of Debra, brother-in-law of Yvonne Saner

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.

+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ I have been baptized.

+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.

(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

***RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

COME THOU FOUNT OF EV'RY BLESSING

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave to God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Public Domain

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

Text: Public domain

***WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG**

YOUR NAME IS HOLY

Brian Doerksen

Verse 1

**You are the sov'reign "I AM", Your name is holy.
You are the pure, spotless Lamb, Your name is holy.**

Verse2

**You are the Almighty One, Your name is holy.
You are the Christ, God's own Son, Your name is holy.**

Chorus

**In Your name there is mercy for sin,
There is safety within, in Your holy name.
In Your name there is strength to remain
To stand in spite of pain, in Your holy name.**

(Repeat all)

(Verse 1)

Your name is holy. Your name is holy. Your name is holy.

YOUR NAME IS HOLY Copyright © 1999 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire). All rights reserved.
Used by Permission. CCLI License 1723768.

***DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTSERVICE MUSIC *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Altar Guild: Nancy Alvut, Sue Hutchings, Cheryl Speisman

Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Eucharist Assistants: Mari-Beth Schembri, **TBA**

Pews: Carol Spiwak

Greeters: **TBA**

Lay Reader: Mari-Beth Schembri

Live Stream: Mackenzie Hoad

Sound: Michael Balentine

Ushers: Al & Noreen Crouse, Scott Cronk, Skylar Jones, Braedan
DuBois, Bill & Sara Love

Volunteers for 8/24

Altar Guild: Nancy Alvut, Sue Hutchings, Cheryl Speisman

Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Greeters: **TBA**

Lay Reader: **TBA**

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: **TBA**

Ushers: Mari-Beth Schembri, Kathy McCarthy, Bill & Marguerite
McKee, Jill Bernhardt

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester NY
14625

www.faithpenfield.org

Main Office Phone: 381-3970

PASTORAL AND EDUCATION

PASTOR

Rev. Peter Johnson
flypenfield@gmail.com
Direct Line 485-0146

ext. 16

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES
INTERIM SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Shannon Wolf
sundayschool@faithpenfield.org

INTERIM VBS DIRECTOR
Stephanie Johnson
vbs@faithpenfield.org

TEMPORARY EDUCATION ASSISTANT
Dave Young
edassistant@faithpenfield.org

NURSERY LEADER
Taylor Saunders

MUSIC

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ ORGANIST
Dianne Christensen
dianne@faithpenfield.org

ext. 17

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
Elizabeth Balentine
elizabeth@faithpenfield.org

ext. 11

TECHNOLOGY

DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL ARTS
Jason Gerlach
livestream@faithpenfield.org

ext. 13

SOUND TECH LEAD
Michael Balentine
soundtech@faithpenfield.org

FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL

2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester
NY 14625

[www.faithpenfield.org/faith-
child-care](http://www.faithpenfield.org/faith-child-care)

FCCNS Office: 385-2360

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mari-Beth Schembri
381-3970 ext. 21
mbschembri@fccnschildcare.com
Direct Line 485-0151

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Lori Connolly
381-3970 ext. 20
laconnolly@fccnschildcare.com
Direct Line 485-0150

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MANAGER
Kurt Finkbeiner
ext. 15
building@faithpenfield.org

CHURCH OFFICE

CHURCH SECRETARY
Kris Cronk
ext. 10
secretary@faithpenfield.org

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
Kay Gerlach
ext. 12
finance@faithpenfield.org
Direct Line 485-0142

FINANCE SUPPORT SPECIALIST
Beth Camann
supportadmin@faithpenfield.org

ext. 18