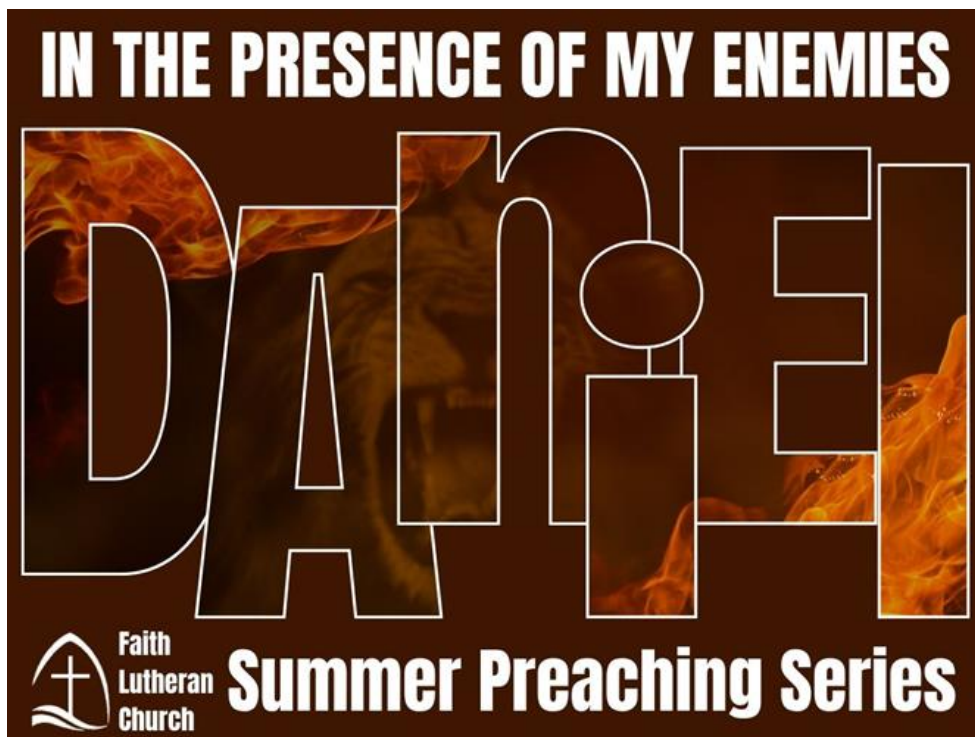


Faith Lutheran Church

July 27, 2025

10:10 a.m. at Library Square
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Gathering Music "Build My Life" (CCLI #7070345)

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing; Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring; Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name; Jesus the only one who could ever save; Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, We live for You.

***Chorus:* Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You.**

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

Repeat 2x and Chorus

“Beautiful” (CCLI #5124024)

I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise. The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes. The world awakens in the light of the day. I look up to the sky and say You're beautiful.

I see Your power in the moonlit night Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright. We are amazed in the light of the stars It's all proclaiming who You are You're beautiful.

I see You there hanging on a tree You bled and then You died and then You rose again for me Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne. Soon we will be coming home. You're beautiful.

When we arrive at eternity's shore Where death is just a memory and tears are no more. We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring Your bride will come together and we'll sing. You're beautiful.

I see Your face, You're beautiful, You're beautiful, You're beautiful (repeat)

Greeting/Announcements

Song “Promises” (CCLI #7149439)

**God of Abraham You're the God of covenant, of faithful promises.
Time and time again You have proven You do just what You say.**

***Chorus:* Though the storms may come and the winds may blow,
I'll remain steadfast and let my heart learn, when You speak a
word it will come to pass. Great is Your faithfulness to me;
Great is Your faithfulness to me. From the rising sun to the setting
same I will praise Your name. Great is Your faithfulness to me.**

**God from age to age, though the earth may pass away, Your word remains
the same, Your history can prove there's nothing You can't do. You're
faithful and true.**

Chorus

**I put my faith in Jesus, my anchor to the ground, my hope and firm
foundation, He'll never let me down. Repeat x2 Chorus**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, as nations rise and fall, and each generation gives way to the next, grant us abiding trust in your eternal reign and your unfailing promises. Hold us securely in the covenant of Holy Baptism, that we may live as faithful citizens of your kingdom and proclaim the Lordship of Christ to all whom we meet; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song “King of My Heart” (CCLI #7046145)

**Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.**

Chorus: You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)

**Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song. Chorus**

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) Chorus

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed such dreams that his spirit was troubled and sleep left him. So he commanded that the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and Chaldeans be summoned to tell him his dreams. When they came before him, he said, "I have had such a dream that my spirit is troubled by the desire to understand it." They said, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will reveal the interpretation." The king answered, "This is a public decree: if you do not tell me both the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. But if you do tell me the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation." They answered a second time, "Let the king first tell his servants the dream, then we can give its interpretation." He answered, "I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see I have firmly decreed: if you do not tell me the dream, there is but one verdict for you. You have agreed to speak lying and misleading words to me until things take a turn." The Chaldeans answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can reveal what the king demands! The thing that he is asking is too difficult, and no one can reveal it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with mortals."

The king flew into a violent rage and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. The decree was issued, and the wise men were about to be executed; and they looked for Daniel and his companions, to execute them. Then Daniel asked Arioch, the royal official, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Arioch explained the matter to him. So Daniel went in and requested that the king give him time and he would tell the king the interpretation.

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and he blessed the God of heaven. He said: "Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. To you, O God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and power, and have now revealed to me what we asked of you, for you have revealed to us what the king ordered."

Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king and said: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who can tell the king the interpretation." The king said to Daniel, "Are you able to tell me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" He answered, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or diviners can show the mystery that the king is asking, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has disclosed to you what will happen at the end of days. As for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me because of any wisdom that I have more than any other living being, but so that the interpretation may be known to the king and you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

"You were looking, O king, and lo! there was a great statue. It was huge, its brilliance extraordinary; it was standing before you, and its appearance was frightening.

The head of that statue was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. As you looked on, a stone was cut out, not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, were all broken in pieces, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

“This was the dream; now this is its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings—to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the might, and the glory—you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth. And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; just as iron crushes and smashes everything, it shall crush and shatter all these. As you saw the feet and toes partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; it shall be partly strong and partly brittle. As you saw the iron mixed with clay, so will they mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall it be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever; just as you saw that a stone was cut from the mountain not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. The great God has informed the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy.”

Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, worshiped Daniel, and commanded that a grain offering and incense be offered to him. The king said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery!” Then the king promoted Daniel, gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds:..... Mackenzie Smith

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief

priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Capricious, Malicious, Ubiquitous" Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)" (CCLI Song #7036288)

**All of creation all of the earth make straight a highway
A path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon.**

**Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame, Jesus is coming soon.**

***Chorus:* Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for
You. Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing even so come Lord Jesus
come. Even so come Lord Jesus come.**

**There will be justice all will be new, Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon. *Chorus***

**So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait You're coming soon.
So we wait we wait for You. God we wait You're coming soon.**

***Chorus:* Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for
You. Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing. Like a bride waiting for her
groom we'll be a Church ready for You. Ev'ry heart longing for our King
we sing even so come Lord Jesus come.
Even so come Lord Jesus come.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Offering Song “Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)” (CCLI Song #7072572)

**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 my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

***Chorus:* How Your kindness yet pursues me. How Your mercy never fails
me. 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh I will sing.**

**Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. *Chorus***

**Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

Offertory Response: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (CCLI #56204)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

The 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.**

Benediction

Sending Song “The Lion and the Lamb” (CCLI #7038281)

**He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down and every
chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise. For who can stop the
Lord Almighty?**

Chorus: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power and fighting our battles and every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb. Every knee will bow before Him.

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings. The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty (repeat) *Chorus*

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about today's worship theme

1. Why would King Nebuchadnezzar make such a capricious, unreasonable demand of his advisors?
2. How might we experience today the malicious threats that the king decreed for his advisors?
3. What does God's inspiration of Daniel declare about the ubiquitous reign of God?
4. When did that ubiquitous reign begin and how do we participate in it?

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