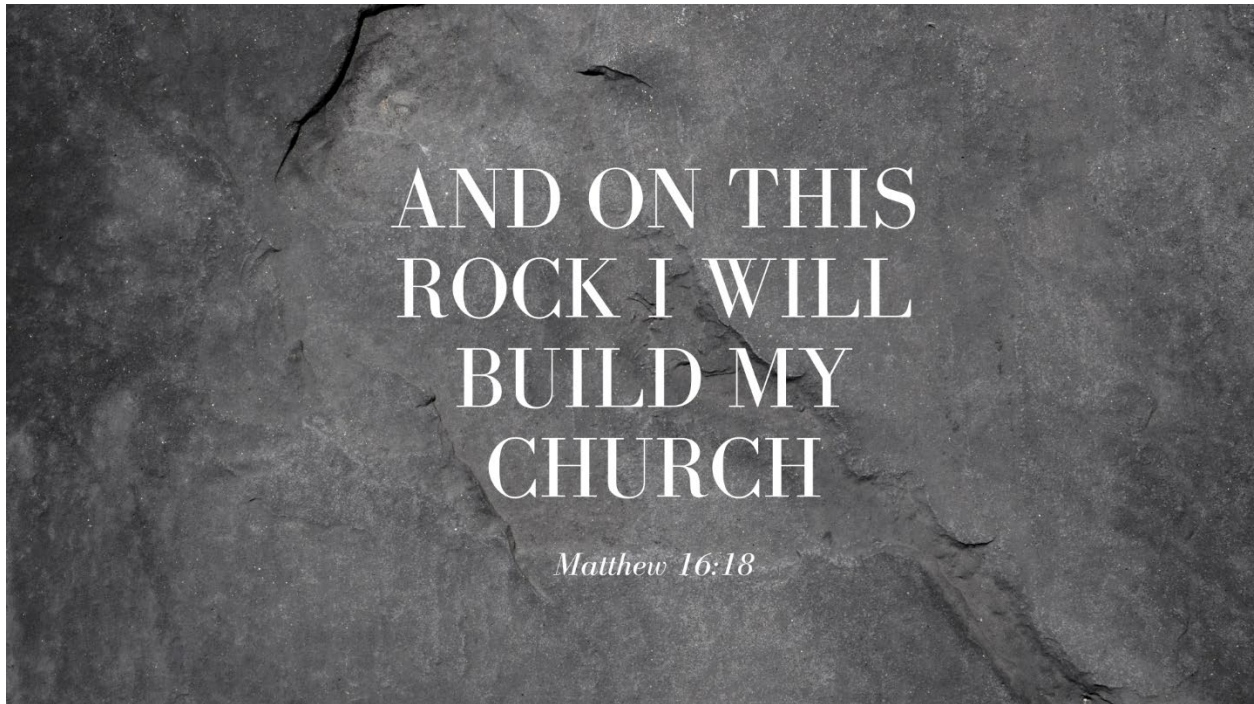


**Faith Lutheran Church
Andover, MA**

*May each person feel **invited** to this community,
equipped to use their gifts to the Glory of God,
and **sent** to serve.*

Sunday, August 27, 10:00 AM



Please know that we record or live-stream worship services from our church in order to reach out to those who are unable to attend in person, or who wish to participate in our services remotely. We share the recorded or live-streamed services with the general public on YouTube and other internet sites. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the back two rows and ask an usher for the pastor to distribute communion to you from your seat.

**To all who join us in worship online or in person,
you are welcome here!**

We invite you to share the sacrament of holy communion with us. If you are worshipping online, please prepare by having a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of wine, grape juice, or water at your side. If you are worshipping in person, you will be invited to come forward around the communion table to receive the sacrament.

“Busy bags” are available for all non-school-aged children to help keep them occupied during worship. These are hanging on the back of the last pew, so please help yourself to one on your way into the service. Kindly return to the same location when the service is over.

Please share your **prayer requests** either by writing them on the paper on the podium at the entrance to the worship space or by emailing them to prayers@faith-andover.org.

If you would like to be added to our weekly email list, which shares upcoming events and activities, sign up on our website: www.faith-andover.org.

For **pastoral care needs or to chat**, contact Pastor Jen at 978-806-8255 or email jen@faith-andover.org or drop in at Caffè Nero in Andover on Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and Noon.

We use **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Find us @Faith.Andover and @faithandover.

Welcome!

We pray this time enriches your spiritual life.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE At Peace - John Turner [Abby Schoppe, piano]

WELCOME

The assembly stands as able.

GATHERING SONG The Church's One Foundation, ELW 654

GREETING WITH PEACE

What is your favorite church hymn/song?

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day in hope.

ALL: We wait for God's word for us.

Let our hearts and spirits be open.

ALL: God is our strength and salvation.

We wait patiently for the Lord.

ALL: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. AMEN.

KYRIE Kyrie eleison, W&P 81

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Text and music: Larry Olson
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OPENING PRAYER

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONAlleluia! Lord and Savior, ELW S205a



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING.....Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY Shaken [Rock of Ages]

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**ALL: 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.**

PRAYERS

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Remind us that, from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries, and courts to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm.

Today we especially pray for Joan, Katie, Ed, Andrew, Laine and Drew, Roland, Ken, Phil, and James. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. We pray and give thanks for Abby Schoppe's music ministry among us. We welcome and pray for Jacob Benoy as he begins his service as Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

For the celebrations and concerns named by this community today (...). Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
ALL: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be made with cash, check, or online <https://tinyurl.com/fnem2ht6>



OFFERTORYThis Is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
- arr. Brant Adams [Jeanne Hladky, flute]

OFFERING PRAYER

The assembly stands as able.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God,
**ALL: we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
ALL: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The preface is a prayer spoken by the presiding minister to introduce the thanksgiving – we might think of it as saying grace before the meal.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

SANCTUS..... Holy Is the Lord [Rock of Ages]

*Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. As we bow before your throne,
Majesty and honor to you alone. Majesty and honor to you alone.*

*Worthy are you, Lord. Worthy are you, Lord. Sweet Lamb of God, the chosen One.
Our lives we gladly lay before your throne. Our lives we gladly lay before your throne.*

*No longer will we give our hearts to the things of this world
For a debt of love we will offer to you.
We look for the day when every knee will bow.
We will join with the angels around your throne, and we will sing!*

Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**ALL: 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

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to the table for holy communion.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

At this time, those gathered at home may share the elements of bread and wine that you have at your home communion table.

Those gathered in person will be invited to come forward at the direction of an usher and kneel or stand around the communion table. You will be given a wafer (gluten-free are also available) by the pastor, which you may then consume. An assisting minister will invite you to take a pre-filled cup of white wine or red grape juice, which you may then consume before returning to your seat.

If you prefer to stay at your seat and have the pastor bring you communion, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION..... O Lamb of God, ELW S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION MUSIC Adagio, from Concerto for Clarinet, K622 –
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart [Beth Haltmeier, clarinet]**

The assembly stands as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

A reading from Philippians. (Philippians 4:1, 4-9)

Paul writes, to the church in Philippi:

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Abby Schoppe is invited forward.

Abby, we of Faith Lutheran Church
have called you to be Director of Music in this place.
You have blessed this congregation
with your musical gifts, faithfulness,
and zeal to grow the music ministry of this congregation.
Through you, our choir, chimes and bells ministries have
deepened and reached out into the community.
You have enabled our worship to continue through the pandemic
and worked tirelessly to provide a quality livestream experience.
Your creativity and dedication to excellence
have inspired us.
You have connected youth and adults,
and have been willing to find ways to engage all in music ministry.
You have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ,
in our service to this community,
and in God's mission to the whole world.
As you leave the position of Director of Music,
we say thank you, and we pray for God's blessing upon you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them,
and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Abby Schoppe
among the people of God in this place.
You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.
You surround your people in every time and place:
keep us close in your love.
You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.
Help Abby and all of us
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As she has been a blessing to us,
so now send her forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN.....Rock of Ages [Rock of Ages]

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
ALL: Thanks be to God.



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PRAYER LIST

for Chris and Amie Kearney and family,
for Joan Lambiaso, Roland Jacobson, Keith Sullivan, John Pollard, and Ed Karp for healing
for Kate Robinson's nephew Andrew and his parents, Laine and Drew,
for the Rohr family, especially Ken,
for Phil Liaboe and James Lino.

We are a praying congregation. In order to keep our prayer list current,
please let us know of any additions or changes by email to prayers@faith-andover.org.
We will pray in worship for 3 weeks, unless you tell us otherwise.

Assisting in Worship Today

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

Assisting Minister: Beth Haltmeier

Reader: Caroline Kettner

Acolyte: Ryan Yanicke

Director of Music: Abby Schoppe

Praise Band Leader: Ingrid Marstaller

Praise Band Members include:

James Ball, Greg Bird, Bill Hartzell, Brian Scanlon, Dave Schweizer,

Tammy Skwierczynski, Rebecca Zammuto

Altar Care: Caroline D'Agostino, Suzanne Neuman

Worship Technology: Isaac Almy, John Breiland, Bill Mark Langdell, Glen Whiteneck

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Shaken

Vs 1: My soul finds rest in you, my fortress and my Rock;
My hope for life, my hiding place, my refuge and my God.

Vs 2: In you I've found my home, my shelter from the storm;
And I'll pour out my heart to you and lean upon your throne.

Ch: I will put my trust in you; I will put my hope there, too;
I will stand upon your Word, and I will not be shaken.
I will let my praises show, holding on to what I know,
Because I know you're always there, and I will not be shaken,
I will not be shaken.

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Bridge: I will not be moved, I'm leaning on the throne,
Because you died for me and called me to your own;
And even when the strongest winds begin to blow,
I will stand my ground, I will not be moved, and I will not be shaken.

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Rock of Ages

Verse: There is no rock, there is no god like our God;
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved,
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.

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Chorus: Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
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