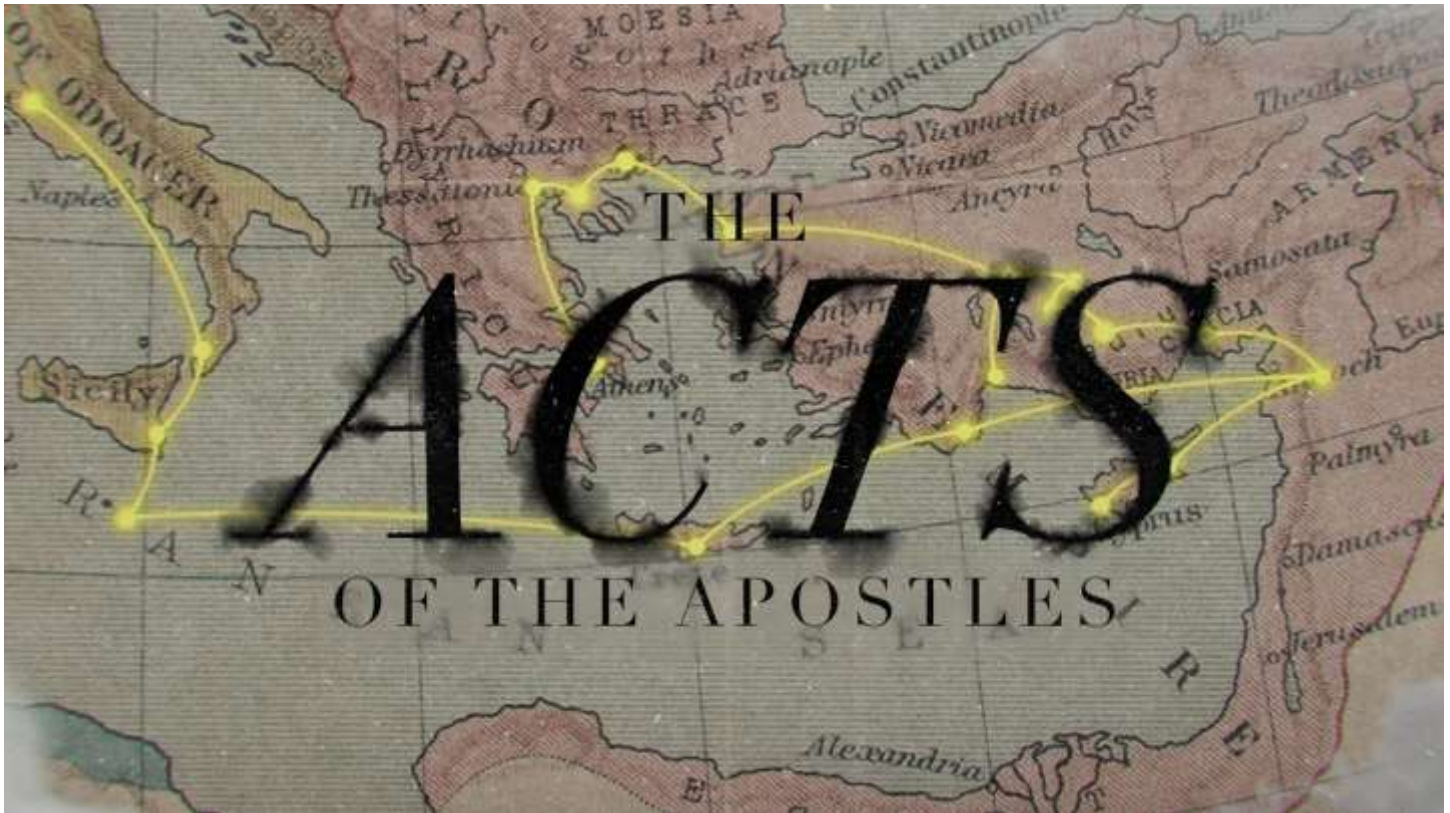


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, July 13, 2025



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches
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“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

SONG: *Trust in God*

Verse 1

Blessed assurance
Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time

Verse 2

Born of His spirit
Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary
Is more than enough

Chorus 1

I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Verse 3

Perfect submission
All is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps

Verse 4

So this is my story
And this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior
All the day long

Chorus 1 (2x)

I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Bridge (3x)

I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him
That's why I trust Him

Chorus 2

God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Chorus 1

I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

SONG: *Nothing Else*

Chorus 1

I'm caught up in Your presence
I just want to sit here at Your feet
I'm caught up in this holy moment
I never want to leave
Oh I'm not here for blessings
Jesus You don't owe me anything
More than anything that You can do
I just want You

Verse 1

I'm sorry when I've just gone through
the motions
I'm sorry when I just sang another song
Take me back to where we started
I open up my heart to You

Verse 2

I'm sorry when I've come with my
agenda
I'm sorry when I forgot that You're
enough
Take me back to where we started
I open up my heart to You

Bridge

I just want You
Nothing else
Nothing else (Jesus)
Nothing else will do

SONG: *Champion*

Verse 1

I've tried so hard to see it
Took me so long to believe it
That You'd choose someone like me
To carry Your victory

Verse 2

Perfection could never earn it
You give what we don't deserve and
You take the broken things
And raise them to glory

Chorus 1

You are my champion giants fall when
You stand
Undefeated every battle You've won
I am who You say I am You crown me
with confidence
I am seated in the heavenly place
Undefeated with the one who has
conquered it all

Verse 3

Now I can finally see it
You're teaching me how to receive it
So let all the striving cease
This is my victory

Bridge

When I lift my voice and shout
Every wall comes crashing down
I have the authority
Jesus has given me
When I open up my mouth
Miracles start breaking out
I have the authority
Jesus has given me

Chorus 2

You are my champion giants fall when
You stand
Undefeated every battle You've won
I am who You say I am You crown me
with confidence
I am seated in the heavenly place
Undefeated by the pow'r of Your name
I am seated in the heavenly place
Undefeated with the one who has
conquered it all

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you looking for a **church home**? Join us! Talk to one of the pastors or call or email the church office (See information on back cover of bulletin). We have a group we are welcoming on August 17th.
- **Grace Notes Summer Camp** Strings is hosting a **special concert** here next Saturday (19th) at 6:00 p.m. Come and support them in this special occasion!
- Help feed a friend with our **food drive** this summer! This mission project will continue through August. Dry goods are being collected at the back of the church and given to the Palm Beach County Food Bank.
- First Evangelical's **Church Council** will meet following worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- Join us for a **delicious lunch** following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The elementary-aged children are excused for **Sunday School class**.*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, ¹⁰ if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

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SERMON READING: Acts 2:14-21

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

SERMON

Pastor Michael Breznen

SONG: *Breathe on My Breath of God*

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| 1 | Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do. | 3 | Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity. |
| 2 | Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will
to do and to endure. | | |

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, drawing near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find help in times of need. Christ, the light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You, who were lost, are found. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen.

THE OFFERING

Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church. Separate BOXES are available for both Holy Cross & First Evangelical churches.

For First Evangelical only, you can give online at www.felcwpb.com or TEXT2GIVE 844-504-1678 or Scan QR Code.



THE PRAYERS

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 Him thanks and Praise.

SANCTUS - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord, God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth

Are full of Your Glory!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!)

In the Highest

Blessed is he who comes

In the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!)

In the Highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians	CAC-WPB	Frank Eddie & Maxine D
Lector	Susan Moncher	Judith Miller

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **George & Susan Butz** (Sera’s parents); **Linda Zier** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney’s friend); **Patrick Murphy** – addiction; **Elizabeth Ducally** – breast cancer (Tracy Graham's mother); **Cyndy Sellari** – for healing; **Joan Cannon** – health issues; **Kristina & John** – for healing; and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

Holy Cross prayer requests: **Lisa & Don, Sandy Waldron, Carl Lindstrom, Trish, Lou Lanza, Allan, Carson, David S., Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, Patrick and Christopher.**

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