



Render to Caesar the
things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things
that are God's.
(Matthew 22:21, ESV)

WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen!**

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C **Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. In the Spirit we have strength and life.

C **Amen.**



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

THE 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 Together we pray,

C Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen
you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also
in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what
kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word
with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the

believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L The word of God. C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ALLELUIA ELW s151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of our Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Music Ministry *Surely the Presence of the Lord* *The choir*

SERMON

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Together we confess our faith,
**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 catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us
pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

each petition concludes...

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (WORDS ONLY)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Together we pray,

C God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

THE MEAL

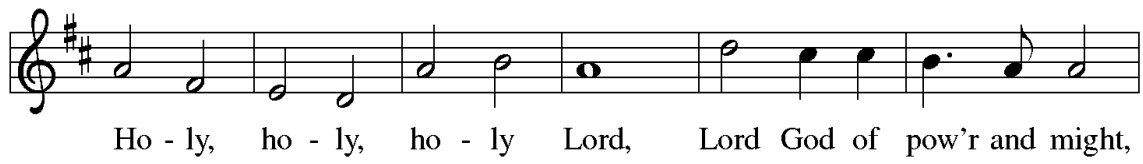
P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

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.

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

P 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.

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Together we pray,

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.

DISTRIBUTION

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

after all have communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. C Amen.

A Together we pray,

C **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. C Amen.

HYMN

God of Grace

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Sunday School Starts Next Sunday

Note the change: We will start our Sunday School class after worship next Sunday morning (10:45) in the doublewide. We will meet for 13 weeks. Please join us!

Food Pantry

This week the food bank especially needs canned fruit. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

The Halloween Safe Walk

This is an outreach to local families, and we ask our members to help by contributing bags of wrapped candy for distribution that night. It's better to have candy that won't melt and has no nuts. There is a tub in the narthex for your contributions. If you prefer, you may give money and we will buy the candy for you.

Want to Join the Family?

We will be welcoming new members one Sunday in November. If you would like to be included, call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313) or tell Pastor today.

Church Picnic

Our Church Picnic will be held at the Englewood Garden and Beach Club on Manasota Key next Sunday, 3 to 6 pm, including evening devotions. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. We will provide pulled pork, hot dogs, sloppy joes and drinks, as well as plates and silverware. You are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. We will ask for a donation to the hurricane fund at the picnic. If you would like to sit outside during worship or want to sit on the beach later, please bring a chair.

Can You Help?

The Chicks are getting started on a special Christmas project, and they could use your help. They need a lighted, 5-foot Christmas tree (new or in very good condition) to be donated to The Learning Center for Dyslexia in Englewood. If you have one to give, see Julie Petersen. The ladies will be making ornaments to decorate the tree on the next few Tuesday mornings at 9 in the doublewide. They would love it if others would join them in creating the easy ornaments. If you prefer, you can write a check to provide supplies for the project. If you have questions, see or call Julie Petersen (563-349-9673).

November Ladies Lunch

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 15th, 11:30 a.m. at Ken & Barb's. It is located off Placida Road just south of the Lemon Bay high school. Ken & Barb's has a great menu with lots of yummy choices for all tastes. There will be separate checks for all, which will INCLUDE an 18% gratuity. Come for the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline is Sunday, November 12th. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Questions? See or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Attendance last Sunday: 60

Big News

The pictorial directories have arrived! They will be available for you to pick up soon.

Have Extra Bibles?

A local Christian men's group is collecting new and used Bibles for shipment to third world countries. If you have some "extras" at home, bring them next week. There is a box in the narthex to receive them. The collection is for the entire month of October.

WE PRAY FOR...

Jerry Marsh

Joyce Schultz

Art Hanson

Lou Taylor

Rosie LaQuay

Debby Lynn Costello

Neal Schattauer

Craven family

Verna Newlon

Bruce Grosvenor

Shirley Rice

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Gloria Marsh

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Ellen Lindhurst

Ushers: Brian Lindhurst, Ken Stephens, Kathie Wiley

Your Church Council

Steve Wolfe (President), Jeff Kamm (Vice President), Jeff Petersen (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Ellen Lindhurst, Jim Taylor, Gene Newlon, Larry Bennett, Jay Fisher.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	7:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	10:00 am	Grace Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	6:00 pm	Prayer with Grace
Wednesday	1:00 pm	OLT

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Secretary Office Hours: 9:00 Am – Noon (M-F)

PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TH) AND BY APPOINTMENT

Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....

As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior

As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone

As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit

As a deep FAITH is taught and caught

As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life