



**Faith Lutheran Church of Rotonda**

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# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

## GATHERING

### Prelude

#### PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P We gather in the name of God: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

### HYMN

#### *Earth and all Stars*

*ELW 731*



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

## THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

**C Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. 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. Amen.**

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Live the gift of God's mercy: as you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## FATHER, I ADORE YOU

W&P 37

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1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -  
3 Spir - it,



fore you; how I love you.

## THE GREETING

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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

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P Together we pray,

**C Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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### **FIRST READING**

*Jonah 3:10--4:11*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING:**

*Philippians 1:21-30*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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C Thanks be to God.

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "I Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;". Above the treble staff, the chords G, C, Am<sup>7</sup>, D, and C/G G are indicated.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.". Above the treble staff, the chords G, C, Am<sup>7</sup>, D, and C/G G are indicated.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Hardenstine

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**



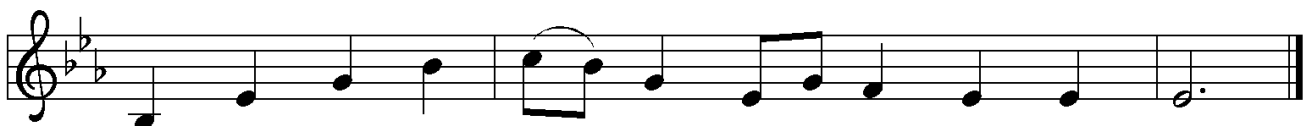
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## 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**

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**A** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*each petition concludes...*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**P** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE (WORDS ONLY)**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

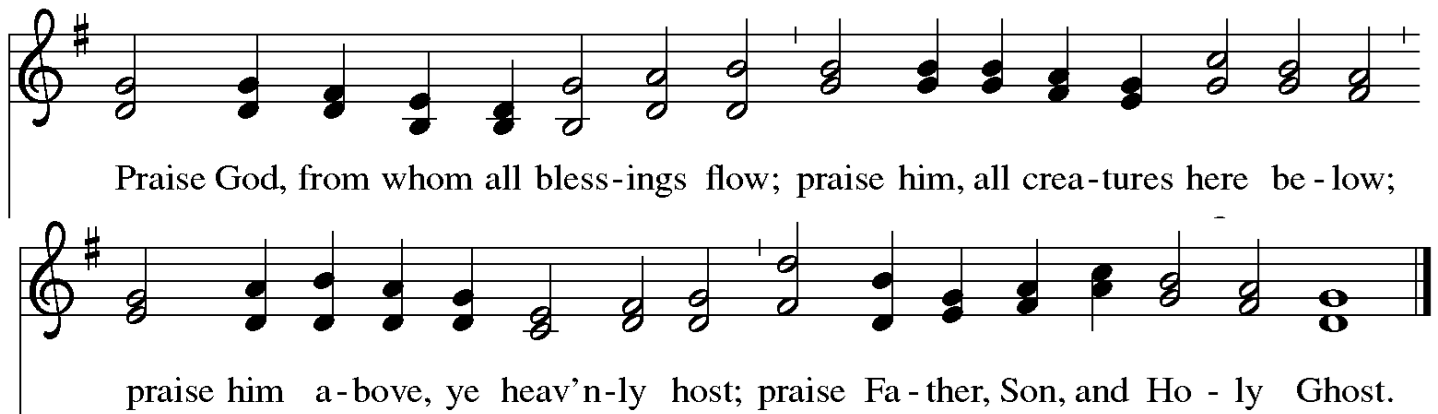
## **OFFERING**

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

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

ELW 884



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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**A** Together we pray,



**C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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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.

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**

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**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 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. C Amen.

**HYMN**

*O Zion, Haste*

*ELW 668*



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

## **DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### ***Faith's Weekly Announcements***

*Welcome to all of you attending this morning!*

### **Want to Order a Brick?**

We will be placing an order for memorial bricks on October 8. If you have been planning to order one, please notify Mary Lou Fitzgerald, or Barbra in the church office. The forms for ordering are in the narthex, under the large bulletin board. Ordering details are in the flyer. We anticipate placing the bricks in the Garden on November 5<sup>th</sup> (All Saints Sunday).

### **October Ladies Lunch**

Ladies, we will meet for lunch at Arturs on October 11th at 11:30 am. Arturs is located on Indiana Avenue, just north of Dearborn St. They specialize in Polish food but have a full menu of luncheon favorites. We will order off the menu and have separate checks. Hope you can all join us for a lovely time and lots of fellowship!! Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Deadline is Sunday Oct. 8th. Questions? See or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

### **Food Pantry**

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

## Reserve the Date

We're planning a fall Church Picnic at the Englewood Garden and Beach Club on Manasota Key. The date is October 29<sup>th</sup>, about 3 to 6 pm, including evening devotions by the Gulf. Please mark your calendars now.

## Looking Ahead

We have scheduled a clean-up day for our Memorial Garden on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30 am. Please come out and join the crew, then stay for coffee and goodies afterward.

## WE PRAY FOR...

Jerry Marsh

Rosie LaQuay

Verna Newlon

Joyce Schultz

Debby Lynn Costello

Bruce Grosvenor

Art Hanson

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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

## Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Linda Hughs

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Jim Taylor

**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