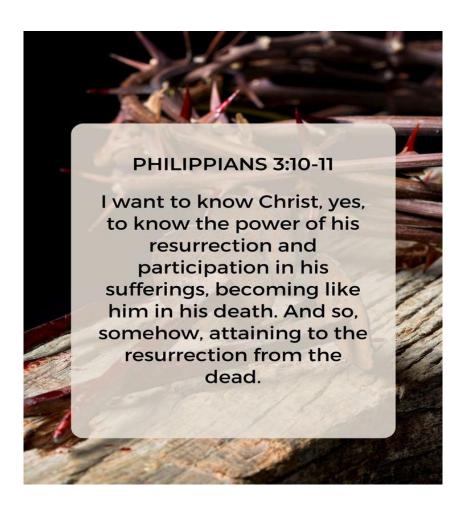


Faith Lutheran Church of Rotonda West

Listening • Caring • Serving



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!

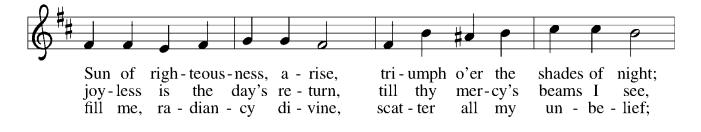
HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory

ELW 553



- 1 Christ, whose glo ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un ac com pa nied by thee;
- 3 Vis it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;





CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C Compassionate God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. C Amen.



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 Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the

extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
 - they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

- ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
- ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.
- L The word of God.
- C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,

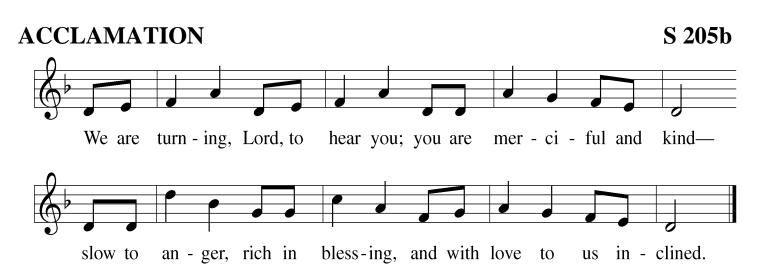
the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE



GOSPEL John 12:1-8

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the

common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

- L The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION Jeff Kamm

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN Let us Ever Walk ELW 802 walk with Je - sus, fol-low his ex - am - ple 1 Let us ev - er pure, and with pa-tience bear our 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, cross. Since by death he 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. con-quered death, 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir-its lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. us from de-struc-tion, give to us he im - mor - tal breath. that we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Shall but prove the gate of heav-en.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide. Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know. Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high. life e - ter - nal grant to Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; me.

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 Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *each petition concludes*...

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

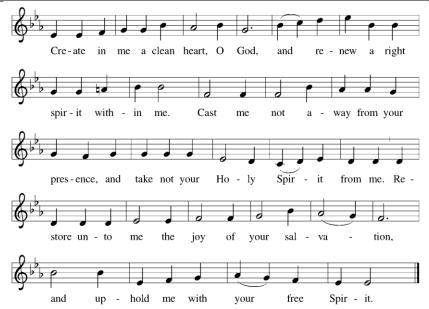
P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

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OFFERING PRAYER

- A Together we pray,
- C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As with our Eucharistic Ministry: Today as we gather at our Lord's Table this Bread and Wine were consecrated at another worship service. Today we distribute what was previously blessed, as we hear and remember the words spoken over this Bread and Wine.

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

- A Together we pray,
- 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

after all have communed

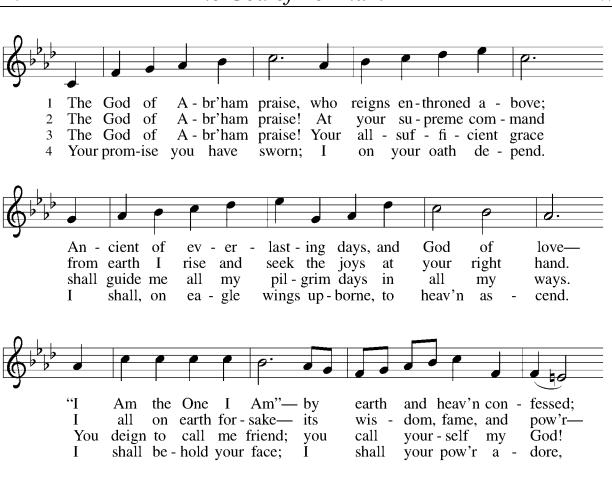
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen.

- 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; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. C Amen.

HYMN

The God of Abr'ham

ELW 831





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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Join us for Supper Then Worship

We have Lenten soup suppers again this year at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays during Lent, followed by Lenten worship at 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those able to bring soup (in a crock pot). We need at least 4-5 people each week to provide nourishment. Dessert is also appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet to help with set up and clean up, too. If you are attending, please bring a place setting, bowl and sandwich (if you want one) for the meal. Sandwiches are not provided.

Food Pantry

During the months of March and April, we will be collecting items that would be part of an Easter meal. That includes things like canned ham, gravy mix, scalloped potatoes, canned vegetables, cake mixes and jello. Other items are welcome, too. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

Secretary's Vacation

The church office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday this week as our secretary, Barbra, is taking vacation days.

Attendance last week: 43 (8:30) + 55 (10:30)

April Ladies Luncheon

This month's luncheon will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 9th, at Ken & Barb's Grove City Restaurant. It is located at 2000 Oyster Creek Drive, just off Placida Road. We will order off the menu with separate checks. **The restaurant has limited us to 15, so this will be first come.** A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Today is the deadline. See Kathie Wiley if you have any questions.

Easter Lily Time

Easter is April 20th this year and, as usual, we want to decorate the church with lilies. If you'd like to purchase one to take home after the services that day, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$12.00. If you would like to make a dedication, which will appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, note that on the sheet (don't write it on your payment envelope). Please write legibly!

WE PRAY FOR...

Ginny Linsberg Jim Porter Carolyn Furman Toni Newton Kay Culver Barb Hanson Alma Claussen **Bob Baran** Rusty Grove, Jr. Sandy McKitterick Al & Sylvia Armen **Barb Jones** Bud Cusack Clayton Wierda **Buroker family** Sandy Cox Jim Taylor

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Debra Easterday

First Service Second Service

Assistant: Jeff Kamm Assistant: Debby Porter

Usher: Harold & Linda Schultz Ushers: Jay Fisher, Bobbie

Neilson & Gene Newlon

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	11:30 am	Bells
Wednesday	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship

Your Church Council

Jeff Kamm (President), Larry Bennett (Vice President), Sandy Cox (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jim Porter, Dave Woodliff and Sue Baran

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Pastor Brian Armen, Cell (814) 248-0133

Secretary: Barbra Davis

Organist: Candace Montesi Custodian: Cyndy Hoops

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

PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TUE) 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