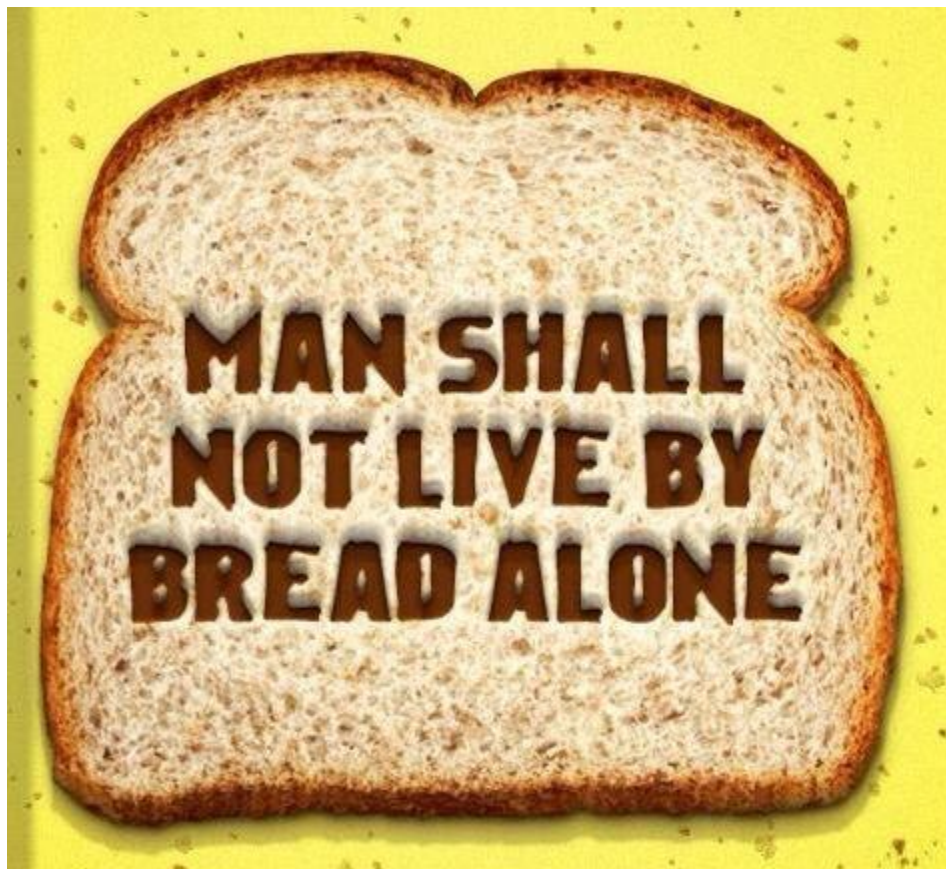

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent



Faith
Lutheran Church
of Rotonda West

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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

What a Fellowship

ELW 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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.**

HYMN OF HOPE

RESTORE IN US, O GOD

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1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.

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 O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God

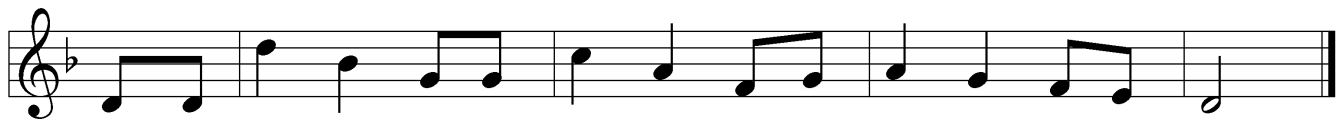
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ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

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

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the

temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,
¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

O Lord, Throughout

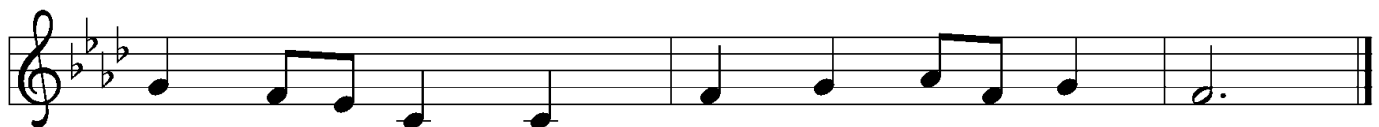
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1	O	Lord, through - out	these	for - ty	days	you
2	You	strove with Sa - tan,	and	you	won;	your
3	Though parched and hun - gry,	yet	you	prayed	and	
4	Be	with us through this	sea - son,	Lord,	and	



prayed and kept	the	fast;	in - spire	re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness	en - dured;		lend us	your nerve, your
fixed your mind	a - bove;		so teach	us to de -
all our earth - ly	days,		that when	the fi - nal



for our sin, and	free us from our	past.
skill and trust	in God's e -	ter - nal word.
ny our - selves	that we may	know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns,	we join	in heav - en's praise.

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.**

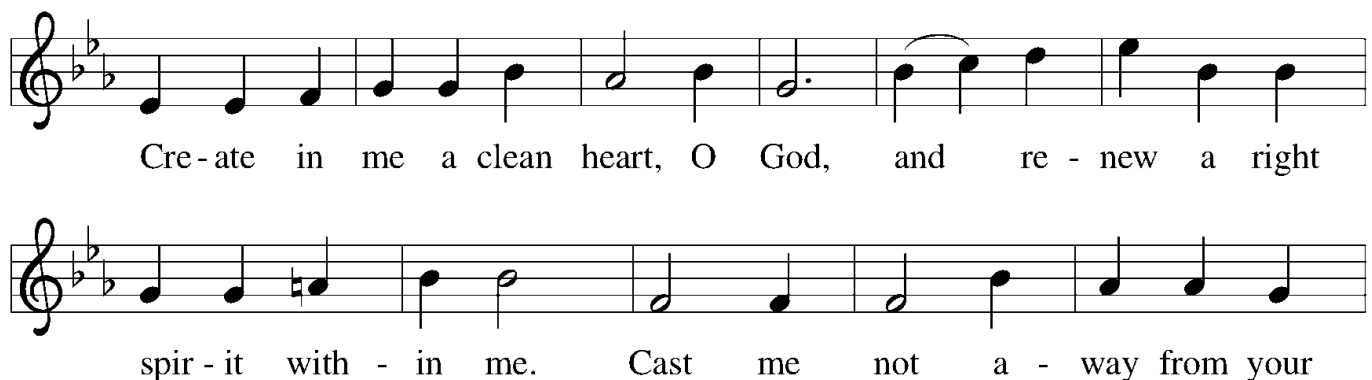
P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **C Amen.**

OFFERING

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

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 same of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

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,

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. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion. Grape juice is in the inner section of communion tray, wine in the two outer rings.

If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please 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 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 fact shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Bless Now, O God

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1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.
Postlude

C Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Special Meeting Today

There will be a very brief congregational meeting at 9:30 am (between services) to take a second and final vote on the constitutional amendments proposed at the January meeting.

You Are Invited to Sunday School

Sunday School resumes today after the congregational meeting. Join the discussion in the doublewide.

Sign Up Today

Today is your last opportunity to sign up for our 50th anniversary dinner on March 23, and to have your money turned in. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Join us for Supper Then Worship

We will 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.

Lenten Services

There are 5 Wednesdays in Lent before Holy week. All services, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, will be held at 7:00 pm.

Attendance last week: 45 (8:30) + 44 (10:30)

Lenten Ushers Needed

We need several ushers for our Ash Wednesday service, then one per night for Wednesday evening Lenten services. Also needed are ushers for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Ladies Luncheon

The March Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 19th, at Jr. and Rosie's Restaurant, Location #2. The restaurant is on SR 776 North Access Road, approximately one block north of Spinnaker Road. (It was formerly "Good Time Charlie's.") The menu has many of the same favorites from their original location but is now expanded with newer items as well. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 16th. Come for the fellowship and laughter! If you have questions, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

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.

You Are Invited

Priscilla Fullerton is doing a piano recital on Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universal Church in Venice (1971 Pinebrook Road). She is featuring all women composers. Tickets are \$20 each. She would love to see you there.

WE PRAY FOR...

Jim Porter
Toni Newton
Bob Baran

Carolyn Furman
Kay Culver
Al & Sylvia Armen

Ginny Linsberg
Barb Hanson

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
	12:30 pm	Council
	2:00 pm	Synod Rep/ council
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Linda Jasper

First Service:

Assistant: Kathryn Gallagher

Usher: Jim Hughs

Second Service:

Assistant: Brian Lindhurst

Usher: John & Kay Culver, Jeff & Julie Petersen

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