



Faith
Lutheran Church
of Rotonda West
Listening • Caring • Serving



...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13 & 14

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, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C **Amen!**

HYMN

In the Cross of Christ

ELW 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
love up - on my way, from the cross the



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

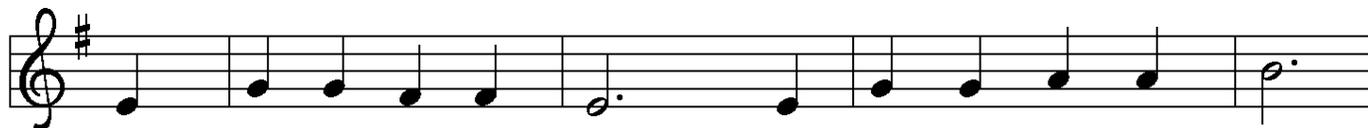
C **Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

THE KYRIE

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

THE GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I 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.
²⁰The 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,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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.

¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I 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

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

John 12:1-8

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But 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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

SERMON

FORWARD: SOMETHING NEW

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.

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.**

A CELEBRATION OF COMMITMENT

FOR NOMA HICKOK AND NEAL SCHATTAUER

Introduction

The Presentation

Rick Schattauer, Celeste Hickok

Scripture

John 15.9-12

Promises of Commitment and Exchange of Rings

Noma and Neal

Prayer of Blessing

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

each petition concludes...

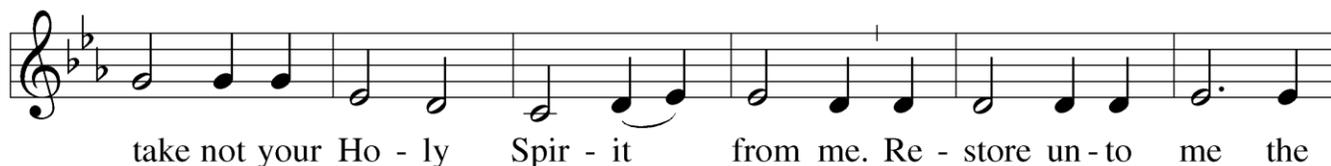
L Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY HYMN

WOV 732



OFFERING PRAYER

A Together we pray,

C Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.

Again, 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 children who are 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 grape juice to wine, please raise an index finger when the server comes to you. If you require 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 **Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, majestic and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always. C Amen.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross

ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Jesus meets and walks with you on the way.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements
Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Altar Flowers

This morning's flowers were given by Neal Schattauer and Noma Hickok in celebration of their commitment ceremony.

Join Us Wednesday

Please join us this week and every Wednesday in Lent for evening worship at 6:00.

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies of Faith will meet this Wednesday, April 6th, 11:30 am, at The Lighthouse at Stump Pass. We will order off the menu and have separate checks. Parking might be tight, but check for off-site parking with golf-cart rides to the restaurant. **Deadline to sign up is today.** The sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. Info? Call or see Kathie Wiley 941-662-5383.

Re: Flowers

We have decided to purchase altar flowers from Ann's Flowers, at a cost of \$35 per arrangement. A new flower chart has been posted with this price change. Even if you signed up already, ***you need to sign up again.*** If you have already paid, the \$25 can be counted toward the total, or transferred to the general fund. If you have any questions, call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313).

Easter Lilies

Please sign up to provide an Easter lily for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$10 and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Plants may be taken home after the late service on Easter Sunday. Those remaining after that will be planted in Memorial Garden area.

Attendance last Sunday: 108

Food Pantry

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

Giving For Ukraine

With the continuing conflict in Ukraine, many people are asking how they can assist those who have fled the country for their own safety. We recently received a notice from Lutheran World Relief that any donation you make will be doubled (up to \$422,000)!

In order to take advantage of this generous offer, you need to send your checks directly to Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Be sure to write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line. If you prefer, you can give online at: lwr.org/match. Either way, the deadline for matching is April 25.

Golf Outing

We have scheduled a golf outing at the Hills for our Faith family and friends on Sunday, April 10, at 12:00 pm, which is a brunch followed by 9 holes of golf. *Brunch starts at 12:00 and includes the Golden Bear, beverage and gratuity, for \$15.00. Golf tees off at 1:30 pm, and the cost is **\$35 (for Rotonda Golf Non-Members) or \$15 (for Rotonda Golf Members)**.* Please sign up for your options in the narthex. Checks (payable to Faith, memo: Golf) or cash are to be placed in the envelope by the sign-up sheet.

Thank You

I just want to thank all my Faith friends for your well-wishes, cards and prayers during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness and support were such a comfort, and helped me get through a difficult time. God bless, Linda Hughs.

Looking Ahead...

On Easter Sunday morning we will have 3 services: 7:00 and 8:30 outside in the Memorial Garden, and 10:30 inside.

WE PRAY FOR...

Gary Wilkins

Tom Jackling

Joanne Smith

Harold Schultz

Terry Schultz

Lou Taylor

Gerhard Sieber

Betty Mageav

Pastor Pat Large

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Fitzgerald

First Service:

Assistant: Cyndy Hoops

Usher: Jim Hughs

Second Service:

Assistant: Brian Lindhurst

Ushers: Noma Hickok & Jim Taylor

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	Men's Breakfast
	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
Wednesday	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Lenten worship

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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