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August 13, 2023

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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*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**

*Glorious Things*

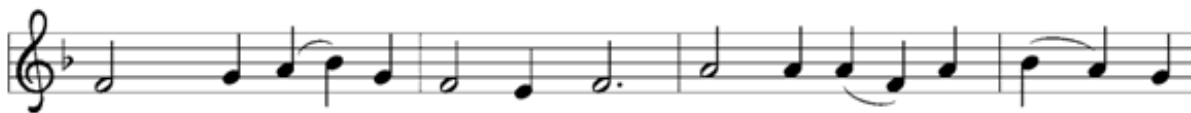
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1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges  
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a  
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain



found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they  
plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## 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.**

**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** **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

*1 Kings 19:9-18*

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

**L** The word of God.

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

## SECOND READING:

*Romans 10:5-15*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

### PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; The chords indicated above the staff are G, C, Am<sup>7</sup>, D, C/G, G.

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

# GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

## C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Armen

### PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

*Jesus, Savior*

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1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and  
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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 Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our  
prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*each petition concludes...*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the  
name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our  
Savior.

**C Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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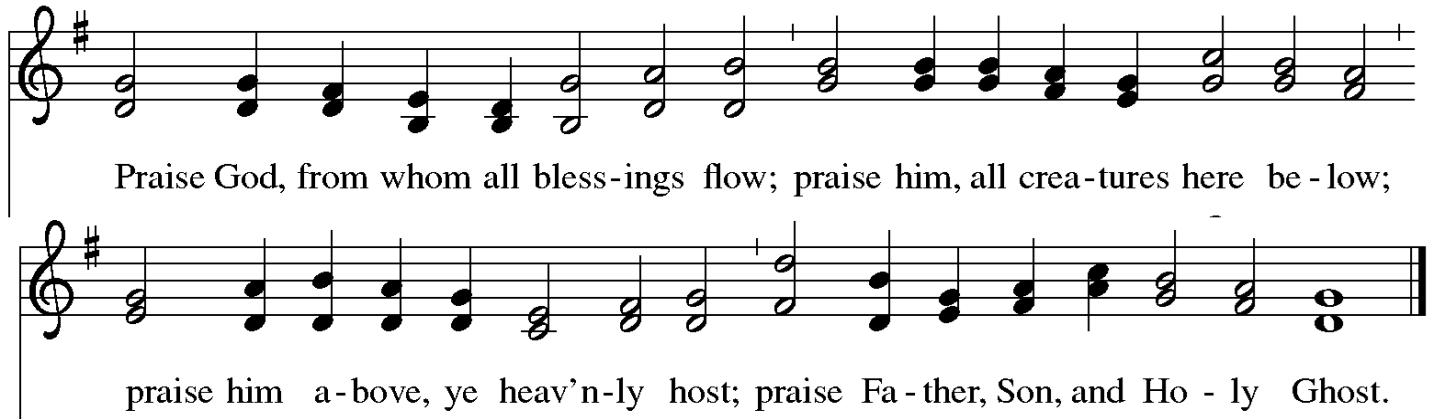
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## OFFERING

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



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

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

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. 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.**



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

## 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!*

### **Can You Help?**

The Lutheran Chicks once again need plastic grocery bags (like Walmart and Publix give). Bring your bags and drop them in the narthex. They are used to make water-proof mats for the campers.

### **Food Pantry**

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

## Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 10, is God's Work – Our Hands Sunday. It is a time to collect items for some special community projects. This year we would like to help all four of the ministries we contribute to regularly. These include Kids Needs, Meals on Wheels, the St. Francis food pantry and our campers ministry to the homeless.

Here's what we are asking you to consider giving that morning:

***Kids Needs:*** children's underwear, socks and tennis shoes.

***Food Pantry:*** Your choice of food

***Campers:*** quarters for laundry and detergent pods.

***Meals on Wheels:*** Please consider volunteering as a driver.

We will also accept any monetary donations, which will be divided among all four outreaches.

**Attendance last week: 50**

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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| <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    |
|                               | 11:00 am | Council            |
|                               | 6:00 pm  | Prayer with Grace  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>              | 11:30 am | Ladies Luncheon    |

### WE PRAY FOR...

Lou Taylor

Rosie LaQuay

Joyce Schultz

Lois Burger

Jerry Marsh

Verna Newlon

Linda Jackling

Bruce Grosvenor

Marie Rutherford

Brian Wing

Lisa LaQuay

## **Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Linda Ovitz

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Kathryn Gallagher

**Ushers:** Harold & Linda Schultz, Marcia Wilkins

## **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.

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Secretary: Barbra Davis

Organist: Candace Montesi      Custodian: Cyndy Hoops

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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*