



*Faith*  
Lutheran Church  
*of Rotonda West*  
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# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

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## GATHERING

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### Prelude

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE AND FACE THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen!**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

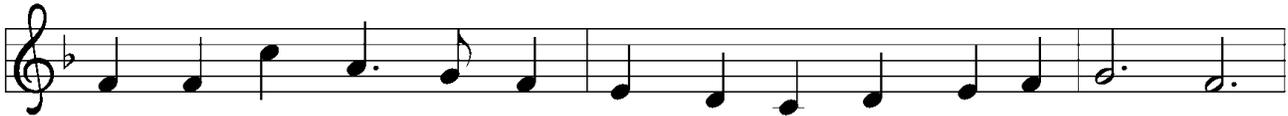
**C Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C Amen.**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## 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** **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE SHINE, JESUS, SHINE ELW 671



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 23:23-29*

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 11:29--12:2*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

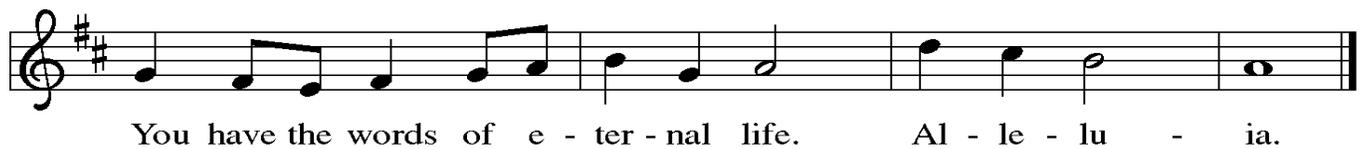
<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**



**GOSPEL**

*Luke 12:49-56*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-  
law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

*I Will Lift My Eyes*

*Norman  
Brian Wing, soloist*

SERMON

Pastor Hardenstine

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

HYMN

*Beautiful Savior*

*ELW 838*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**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** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*each petition concludes...*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**P** Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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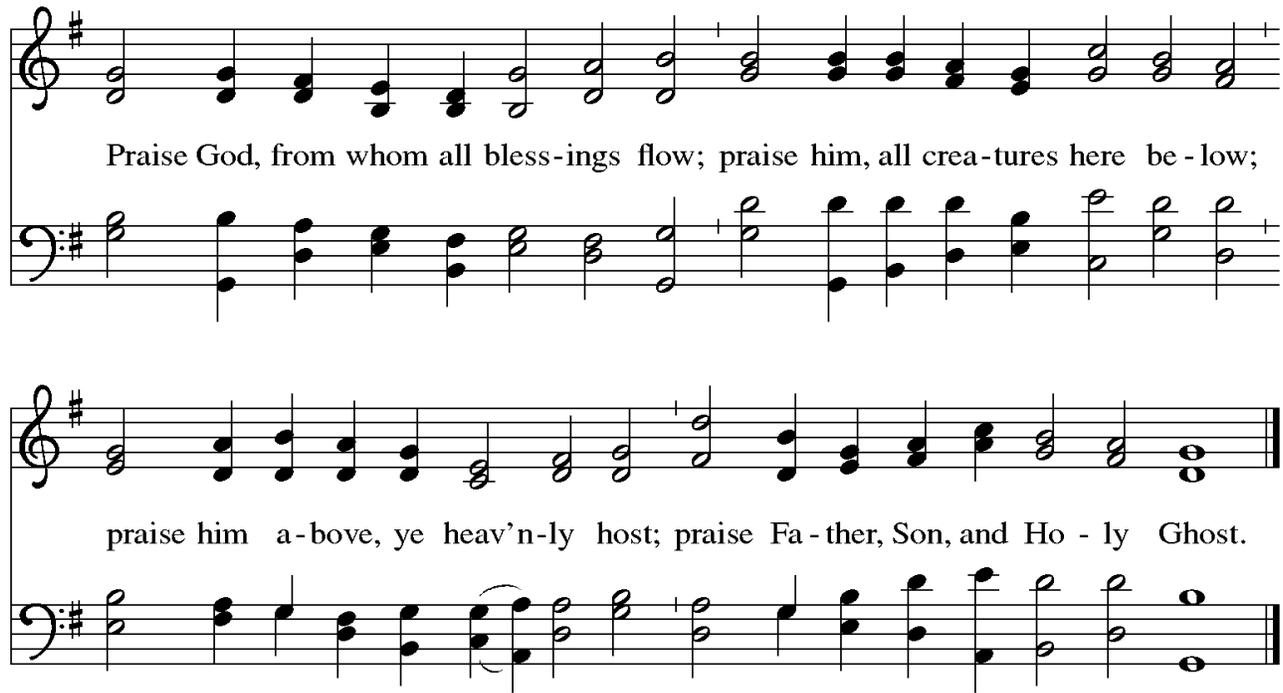
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**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

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A Together we pray,

**C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## THE MEAL

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P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You pour out your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 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

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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 **Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

P The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C **Amen.**



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

## DISMISSAL

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**P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

*Welcome to all of you attending this morning!*

### **Please Stay**

Today is Barb Manke's last Sunday with us. We will be enjoying a coffee hour after worship to celebrate her and say "goodbye." Please stay and wish her well.

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by Jim and Debby Porter in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **August Ladies Luncheon at Ken & Barb's**

On Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am, the Ladies of Faith Lutheran will meet for lunch at Ken & Barb's. Located just off Placida Road, south of the Lemon Bay High School (Remember the old Blue Lagoon? That's the place!) A popular restaurant in Englewood, they carry a variety of foods guaranteed to appeal to all. We will order from the regular menu. *Please note* a 20% service fee (tip) will be added to each guest check by the restaurant. Please sign up if you will be able to join us!! Deadline is today. If you have questions call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383). Looking forward to seeing you!!

### **Looking Ahead...**

Again this year, we will be participating in *God's Work Our Hands Sunday*, an initiative of the ELCA. In other years we supported Undie Sunday and had a wonderful response! This year, your participation is requested in the form of monetary gifts (cash or checks) with a notation of *camper ministry*. These gifts will be used to replenish funds for our camper ministry, which is used to feed the homeless on Tuesday evenings. Large jars of peanut butter and jelly may also be given. All gifts should be received before Sunday, September 11, so we may celebrate "Gods Work Our Hands"!

## **Council Members**

Reminder: The August council meeting is this Tuesday at 11:30 am.

## **Food Pantry**

This week the food bank especially needs canned soup. Please leave all donations in the designated container in the narthex.

## **Co-chair Needed**

Mary Lou Fitzgerald has volunteered to serve as co-chair of the pictorial directory preparations. She needs someone else to serve as the other co-chair. Not a lot of work required, but we have to be prepared if we are to create a current directory. Photo taking will start in a couple of months, so the need is urgent.

## **Help Yourself**

The church was recently given a large number of Christian books to share. We have been putting a few in the narthex each week for anyone who would like to take them. Please take as many as you like.

## **WE PRAY FOR...**

Gary Wilkins

Tom Jackling

Dave Deitrich

Kaylyn Nagel

Daryl Cox

Lou Taylor

Harold Schultz

Bill Linsberg

Chris Hoops

Bob Ash

Jack & Kathy Myers

Harv & Alma Claussen

## 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
	11:00 am	Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 pm	OLT

### Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Linda Ovitz

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Toni Newton

**Ushers:** Jay Fisher & Jim Hughs

***Our thanks to Pastor Autumn Hardenstine for filling in while  
Pastor Armen is on Sabbatical.***

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*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*