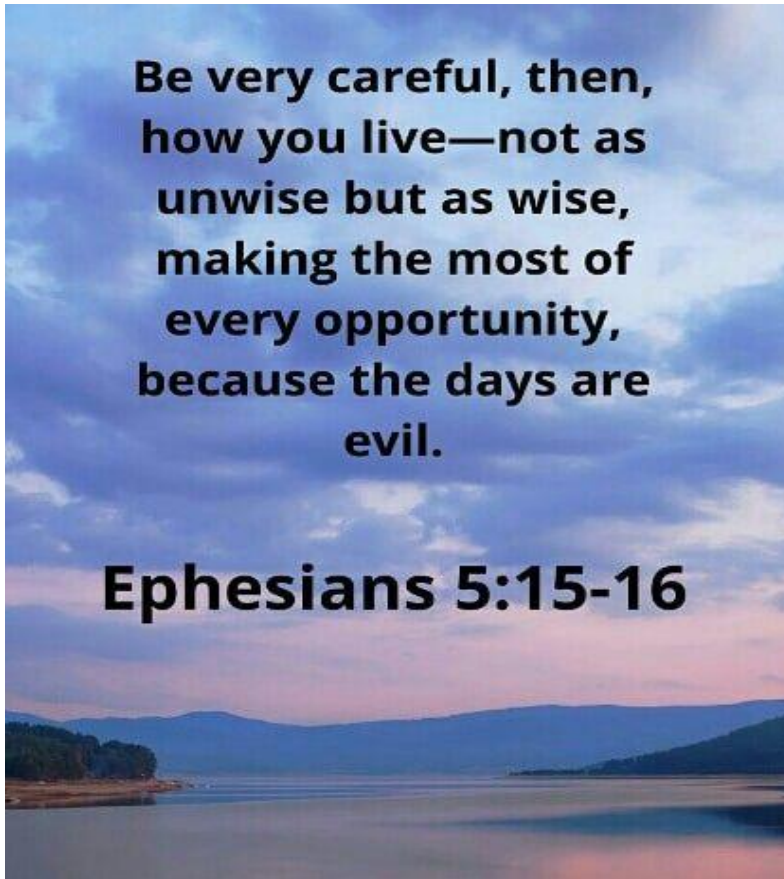




**Be very careful, then,  
how you live—not as  
unwise but as wise,  
making the most of  
every opportunity,  
because the days are  
evil.**

**Ephesians 5:15-16**



# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

## GATHERING

### Prelude

#### PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

### HYMN

#### *O Living Bread*

*ELW 542*



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav' n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o' er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

### THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and

from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD*

*W&P 129*

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Spirit of the Living God    Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God    Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me    Fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God    Fall fresh on me

**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** Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WORD**

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### **FIRST READING**

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup> “You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

**L** The word of God.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

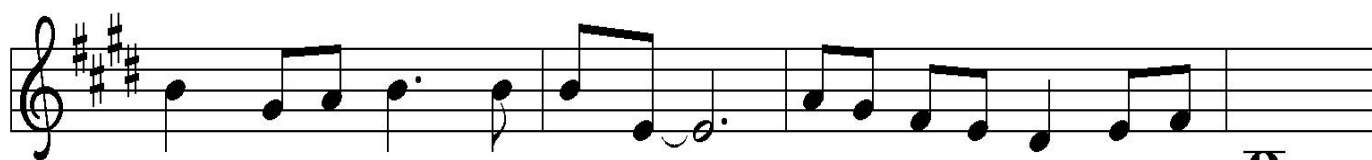
<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

<sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**L** The word of God.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

## GOSPEL

*John 6:51-58*

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup> “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

<sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** *I Am the Bread of Life (Come and Follow Me)*  
*Angrisano and Booth*

**SERMON**

Pastor Armen

## PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

*Praise the One*

ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

A Together we confess our faith,

**C 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** Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*each petition concludes...*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**P** We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**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*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

WOV 732



## OFFERING PRAYER

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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

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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

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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 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 his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Together we pray,

**C** **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**P** The blessing of God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*God Be With You*

*ELW 536*



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,

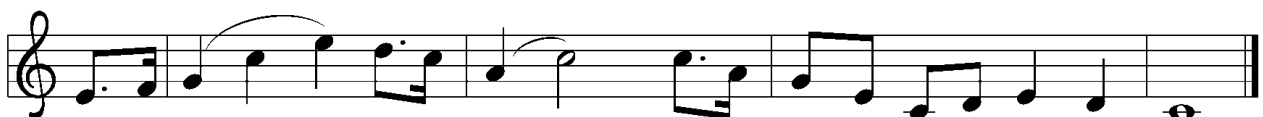


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



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



## **DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace filled with the Holy Spirit. You are the body of Christ.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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

### **Outreach Opportunity**

We need a few more people to take prepared lunches to Indian Mound Park on Tuesday evenings. You don't need to serve every week, just pick the weeks you are available. If you can help, see Cyndy Hoops for details.

### **Another "Undie Sunday"**

September 8<sup>th</sup> is "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, and this year we will once again be using the theme "Undie Sunday." We collect underwear and socks for Kids Needs and our homeless ministry and distribute them that week. A list of needed sizes and styles is available in the narthex. We ask that you purchase any of the items you choose and place them in the box in the narthex on or before September 8.

### **Christmas in... August?**

We received a card from the Rotonda West Association regarding their annual Christmas parade, and the theme of "Christmas at the Movies." We need a few creative people to help us plan and assemble a float for the December 7<sup>th</sup> date. If you are interested, or have an idea based on the theme, see or call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313).

## **Please Check**

Did you borrow a packing tape dispenser from the church office? It has not been returned and we need it or we will have to buy a new one. Please drop it in the church office ASAP.

## **Food Pantry**

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

## **Attendance Last Week: 38**

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

Lou Taylor	John Schleede	Sandy Cox
Jim Hardenstine	Bill Speth	Bob Ash
Marcia and Gary Wilkins	Tom and Linda Jackling	

## **Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Mary Lou Fitzgerald

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Toni Newton

**Ushers:** Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Jeff Kamm, Bobbie Neilson

## **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
	10:00 am	Council

## **Your Church Council**

Jeff Kamm (President), Larry Bennett (Vice President), Sandy Cox (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Jim Taylor, Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jay Fisher and Sue Baran.

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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*