

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

Joyful, Joyful

ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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. Amen.**

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). Above the staff are the chords: F, Gm, C, F, Gm. Below the staff are the lyrics: 1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - fore you; how I love you.

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

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 God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think

of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols G, C, Am7, D, C/G, and G are placed above the treble staff.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also features a treble and bass staff with the same time signature and key signature. Chord symbols G, C, Am7, D, C/G, and G are placed above the treble staff.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound

in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

Come to Me

ELW 777



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

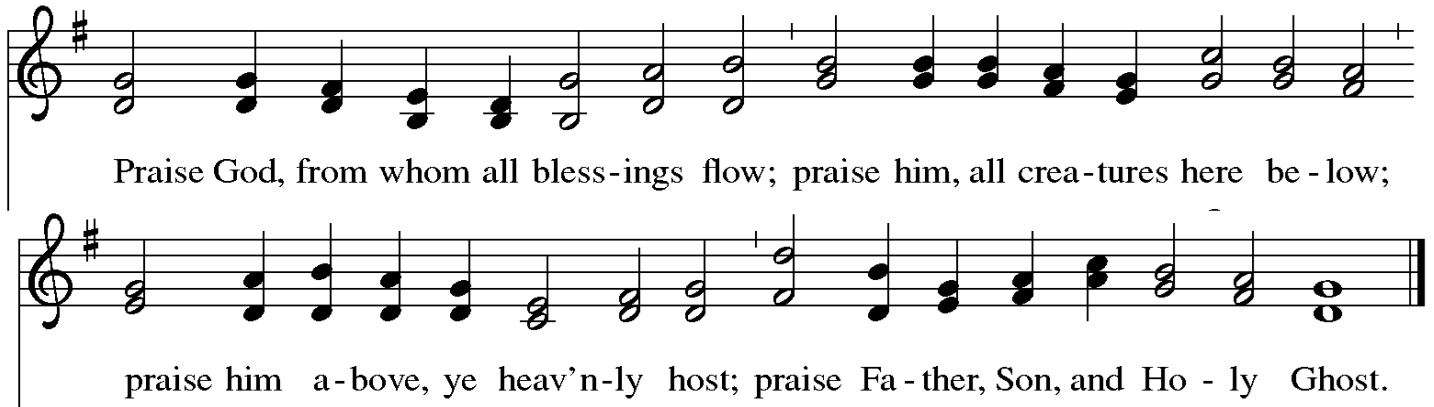
C And also with you.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 884



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 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

DISMISSAL

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!

Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 13th, 11:30 am, at Landy's. It is located immediately off SR 776, east of McDonald's, near the Englewood Beach Road turn-off. You will notice the large tiki roof which has been added since the hurricane. We will eat inside in air-conditioned comfort!! They have an eclectic menu, with lots of seafood, soup, salads etc. They also specialize in Greek food. Separate checks for all, and the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline is Sunday, September 10th. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

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 packaged milk. 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.

NOTE: Kids Needs has a special need for boys' clothes. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a container in the narthex on September 10 so you can make your donations.

Be sure to check the "Family Bulletin Board" by the church office and see who from our Faith family has been honored by Lutheran Services of Florida for their stewardship.

A Few Changes and Upcoming Events

~ The Worship and Music Committee meeting has been changed to Monday, October 9 at 10:00 am.

~ Council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month (11:00 am) for the remainder of the year.

~ We are attempting to schedule a church picnic at the Manasota Beach Club sometime in early November.

WE PRAY FOR...

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| Lou Taylor | Jerry Marsh | Marie Rutherford |
| Rosie LaQuay | Verna Newlon | Brian Wing |
| Joyce Schultz | Lisa LaQuay | Bruce Grosvenor |
| Art Hanson | Hickok family | Rutherford family |

Attendance last Sunday: 58

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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| Every week day morning | 6:30 am | AA meets at church |
| Monday | 8:00 pm | AA meets at church |
| Tuesday | 7:30 am | Work Crew |
| | 9:00 am | Lutheran Chicks |
| | 6:00 pm | Prayer with Grace |

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Linda Ovitz

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Jim Taylor

Ushers: Ken Stephens, Kathie Wiley, Debby Porter

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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Organist: Candace Montesi Custodian: Cyndy Hoops

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