



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

Sonata in g minor 'Largo'

Vivaldi

Jeff Petersen, saxophone

(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

Come, Thou Fount

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

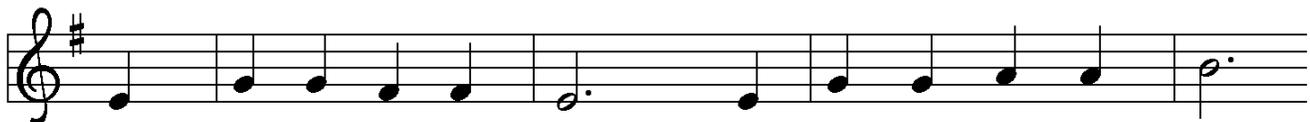
C Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow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

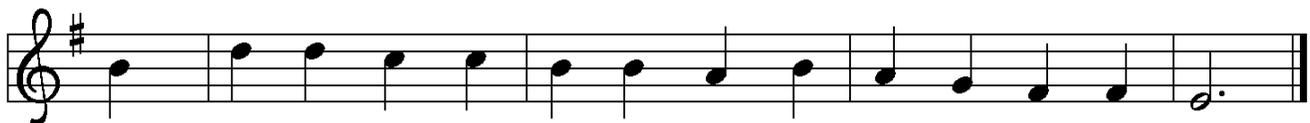
C Amen.

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 God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE



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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the

fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.’³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

Music Ministry *Sonata in g Minor ‘Allegro ma no Pesto’ Vivaldi*
Jeff Petersen, saxophone

SERMON

GRACE FOR ALL

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly

ELW 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

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

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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the



joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER AND MEAL

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.

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.

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, 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.

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. *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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **C Amen.**

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **C Amen.**

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

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 need 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

What Wondrous Love

ELW 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Join Us Wednesday

Please join us every Wednesday in Lent for worship at 6:00 pm.

Next Week...

Noma Hickok and Neal Schattauer would like to announce their special ceremony of commitment, which will be part of the 10:30 worship service next week. They hope you will attend.

Another Major Flower Change

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 can be transferred to the general fund. If you have any questions, call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313).

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies of Faith will meet Wednesday, April 6th, 11:30 am, at The Lighthouse at Stump Pass. We are meeting a little earlier in the month as Holy Week and Easter are the following week, and some of our ladies may be leaving soon for up north. We will order off the menu and have separate checks. This restaurant is a favorite of our ladies as they have a wonderfully diverse menu of fresh fish, salads, burgers and BBQ. Parking might be tight, but check for off-site parking with golf-cart rides to the restaurant. Time is short for sign-up -- **deadline is Sunday, April 3**. The sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. Info? Call or see Kathie Wiley 941-662-5383.

Food Pantry

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

Golf Outing – CHANGE

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.

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.

Attendance last Sunday: 121

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: Debra Easterday

First Service

Assistant: Jay Fisher

Usher: Art Hanson

Second Service

Assistant: Ellen Lindhurst

Ushers: Larry & Linda Bennett

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
Wednesday	1:00 pm	OLT
	6:00 pm	Lenten worship