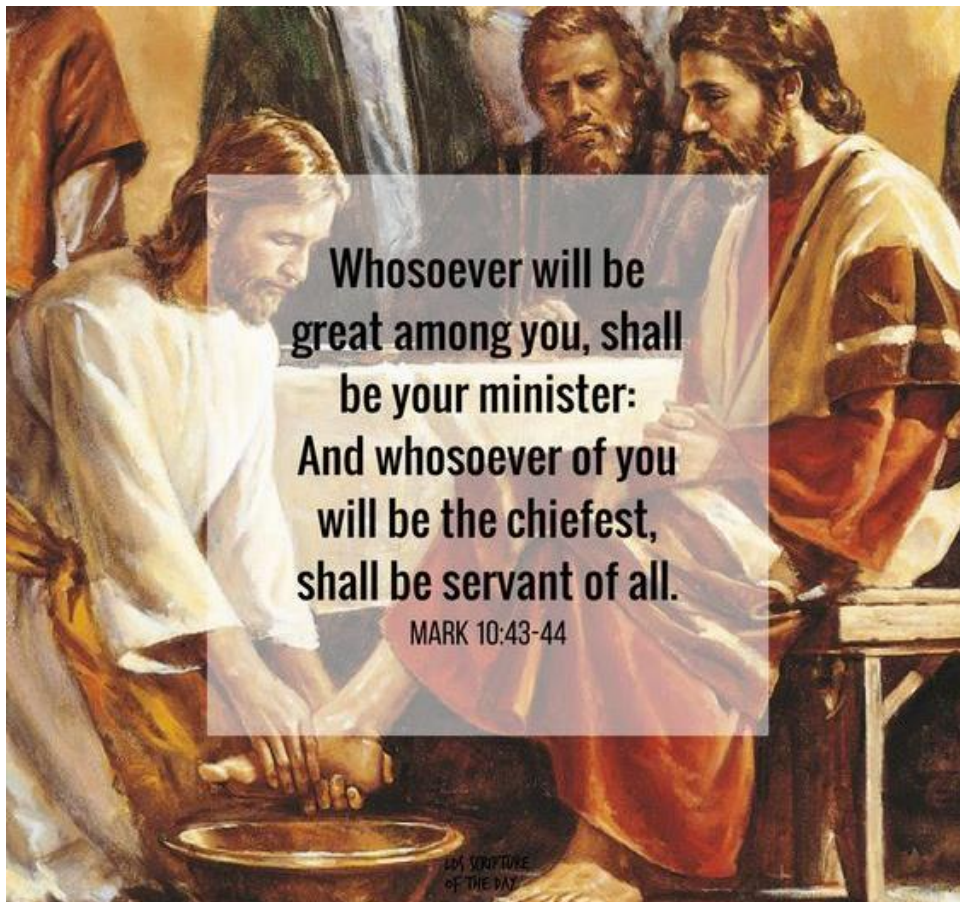




**Faith**  
**Lutheran Church**  
*of Rotonda West*  
**Listening • Caring • Serving**



# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

## GATHERING

*The offering is now being collected at the entrance of the sanctuary.*

### PRELUDE

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen

### HYMN

#### *A Mighty Fortress*

*ELW 504*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## **THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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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.**

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

*W&P 129*

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** Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**L** The word of God.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for

all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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**

*Mark 10:46-52*

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

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

*Almighty God**ELW 516*

1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;  
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,  
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

**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** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*each petition concludes...*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

(PLEASE SMILE AND WAVE)

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

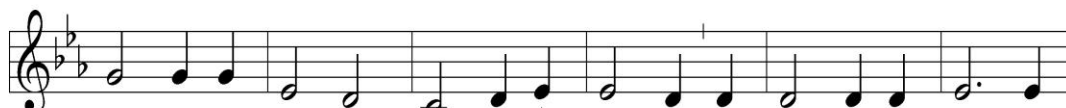
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*In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering*  
**In consideration of health concerns, we will collect the offering at the entrance doors of the sanctuary. If you have your offering in hand, please raise your hand and the usher will stop on the way forward.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

WOV 732

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## 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

*ELW 793*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**DISMISSAL**

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!*

### **Safewalk on Dearborn**

SafeWalk is this Thursday from 5-7:00 pm on Dearborn Street. Come out and join the fun!

### **Next Sunday**

Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night!

### **Sunday School Returns**

Sunday School will start again next Sunday, November 3, after morning worship. We meet in the doublewide. This session we will be studying Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Romans. Even if you aren't a reader, join us for some interesting discussion. Jeff Kamm will continue to lead. See him if you have any questions.

### **Can We Have Your Birthdate?**

If you have never given us your birthdate, there are cards and pencils in the narthex for you to use. Write your name and birthday (don't need the year) on a card and leave it in the box provided.

### **Food Pantry**

This week the food bank needs anything you can donate. Please make sure food is canned or packaged. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

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

John Schleede	Sandy Cox	Bob Ash
Larry Bennett	Jerry Marsh	Byron Myrick
Lori Armen	Deb Bush	Marcie Eifert
Jack Myers	Max Person	Hildebrand family
Marcia and Gary Wilkins	Tom and Linda Jackling	

**Attendance Last Week: 65**

### **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
	5:00 pm	Budget meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 pm	SafeWalk

### **Serving Today**

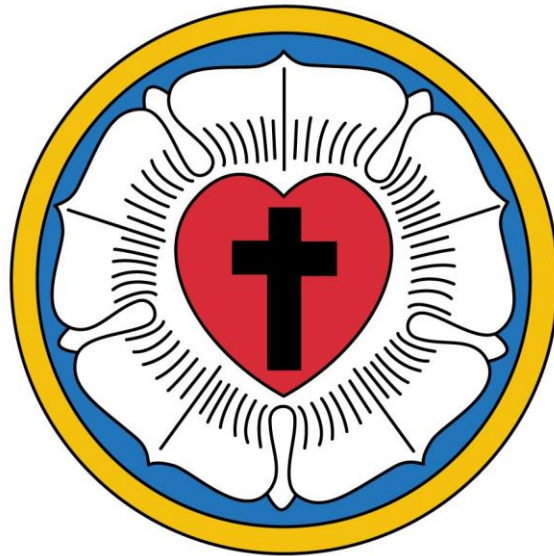
**Altar Guild:** Kathryn Gallagher

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Brian Lindhurst

**Ushers:** Debby Porter, Ken Stephens & Marcia Wilkins

### **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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Pastor Brian Armen, Cell (814) 248-0133

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-TUE) 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*