

WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

Lord, I Need You

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PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen!**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

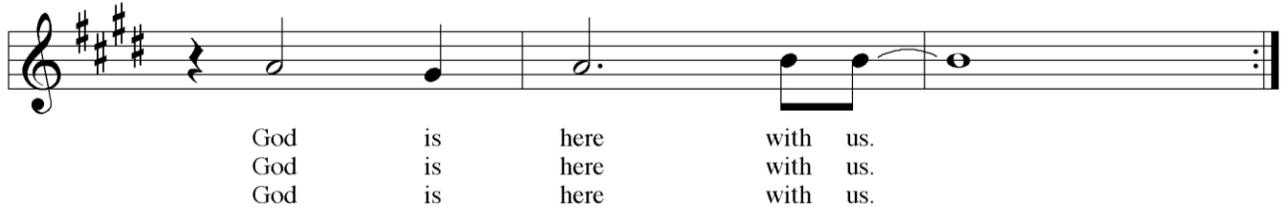
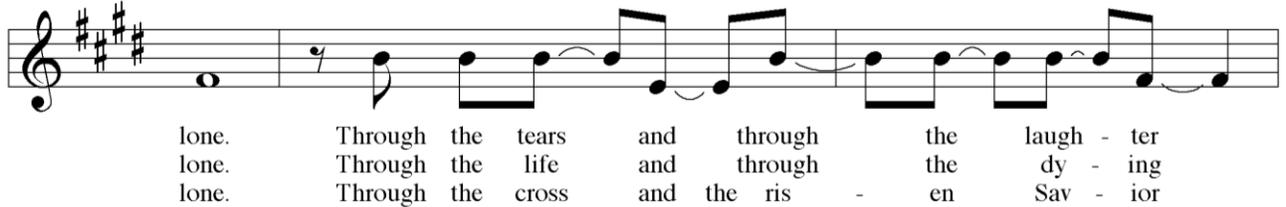
C **God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Remembering the Promise



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

STEP BY STEP

WNP 132

**Oh God, You are my God
and I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God
and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your
ways**

**and step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days
and I will follow You all of my days
and I will follow You all of my days
and step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my
days**

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of
it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But
those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many
senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness
to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced
themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the
faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which
you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the
presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in
his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge
you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the
manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the
right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings
and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in
unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be
honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be
haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on

God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Help Us O Lord

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O - pen our hearts to
feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets;

they should listen to them.’³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

MUSIC MINISTRY *With Every Act of Love* *Jason Gray*

SERMON A RICH MAN AND LAZARUS Pastor Armen
PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians*

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored

And they'll know we are
Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are
Christians by our love

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the
news that God is in our land

And they'll know we are
Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are
Christians by our love

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride

And they'll know we are
Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are
Christians by our love

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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

each petition concludes...

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through 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

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old the
 prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer
 in the name of the Lord.
 To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is
 To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is
 clear; we have all got a gift to give our hands,
 true; we have all got a gift to give in all
 our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got
 we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Together we pray,
C **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through 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. 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

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 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 God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **C** Amen.

HYMN

I Saw the Light

Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the
night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow's the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God
gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Let's Go Out

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by:

- ~ Nancy Smith in memory of Jim Smith
- ~ Joyce Schultz in celebration of her daughter and granddaughters' birthdays this month

You are Invited to Join the Family!

We will be bringing in new members on October 9, and would love to have you join us. If you would like to be included, call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313).

Related to That

On the Sunday morning we bring in new family members (October 9) we are planning a coffee hour after the service. Please mark it on your calendars and stay after the service to meet and welcome our new family members.

You Are Invited

The Rotonda American Legion Post 113 is sponsoring a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day on Saturday, October 8th. The event runs from 10 am till 4 pm and food trucks will be on site. There will be a ceremony at 10:30 that morning.

Good News!

In preparation for Faith's 50th anniversary, we are publishing a new pictorial directory. Photo sessions are scheduled for November 8 and 9 and January-February dates are available for seasonal families. Bring your calendar to church and we will sign you up, or you can do it at home on a computer, smart phone or tablet.

Food Pantry

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

Free Books

There are several different books available in the narthex this morning. Please take any you would like to read or keep for reference.

Looking Ahead...

The Halloween Safe Walk on Dearborn Street has been scheduled again this year. We would like to participate as we have in the past, so we need your help. Starting next week, we will be collecting wrapped candy for distribution that evening. Place your donations in the tub in the narthex. No candy with nuts or chocolate, please, due to allergies and hot weather.

WE PRAY FOR...

Gary Wilkins

Tom Jackling

Dave Deitrich

Lou Taylor

Harold Schultz

Bill Linsberg

Bob Ash

Harv Claussen

Cyndy Hoops

Attendance last Sunday: 50

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Linda Hughes

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Toni Newton

Ushers: Noma Schattauer & Debby Porter

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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
	10:00 am	Worship & Music
	11:00 am	Council
Wednesday	1:00 pm	OLT

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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