



Faith
Lutheran Church
of Rotonda West
Listening • Caring • Serving

"Oh that I had wings like a dove!

For then I would fly away

and be at rest!

- Psalm 55:6



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen!**

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C **Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. In the Spirit we have strength and life.

C **Amen.**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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 **Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is

revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

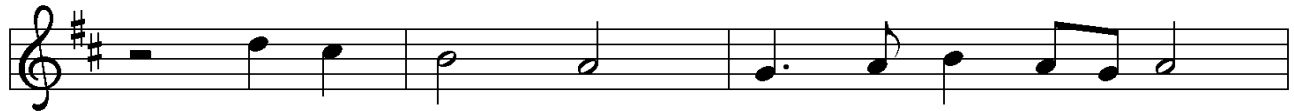
L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ALLELUIA

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Congregation, please join us in singing when indicated:

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
 Thru the storm, thru the night, Lead me on to the light,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SERMON

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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.**

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL: PINNING OF THE DOVES

Cathy Dietrich, David Howe, Jerry Janecke, Lisa LaQuay, Archie McNeil,
Herbert Rohrbaugh, Sr. and Marie Rutherford

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the
church, the world, and all who are in need.

each petition concludes...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in
your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (SPOKEN GREETING ONLY)

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



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Together we pray,

C God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

THE MEAL

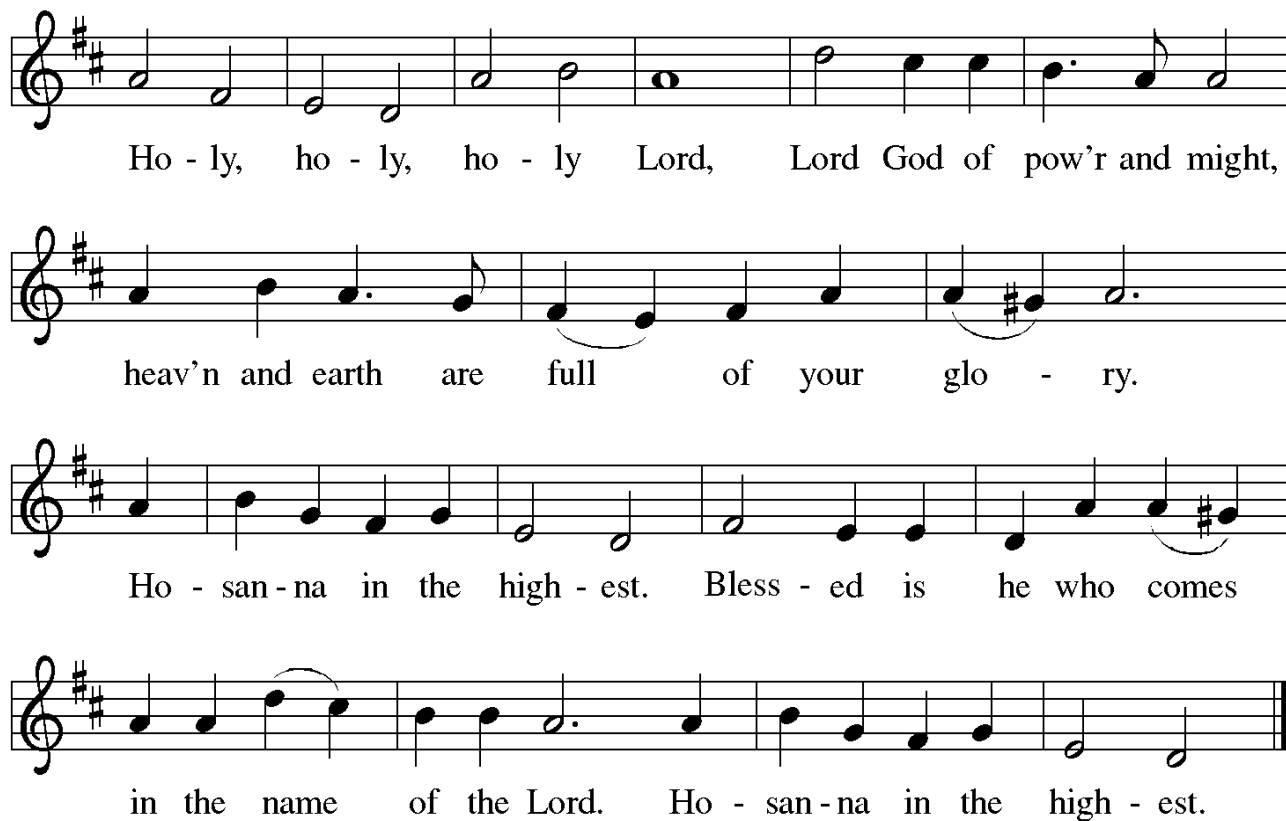
P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

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.

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P 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.

P 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 **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Memorial Garden Brick Laying

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

Doves

Doves being added to the banner this year include: Cathy Dietrich, David Howe, Jerry Janecke, Lisa LaQuay, Archie McNeil, Herbert Rohrbaugh, Sr. and Marie Rutherford.

Sunday School

Sunday School meets after worship this morning (10:45) in the doublewide. Please join us!

Thanks!

A big thank you to all those who helped last week to make our church picnic a great success.

Work Crew

Starting this Tuesday, and from now through the winter months, the Work Crew will meet at 8:30 am.

Enjoy Crafting?

The Chicks are working on a special Christmas project, and they could use your help. They are making ornaments to decorate a 5-foot Christmas tree to be donated to The Learning Center for Dyslexia in Englewood. You are invited to join them on Tuesday mornings at 9 in the doublewide to create some easy ornaments (they will show you how). If you prefer, you can write a check to provide supplies for the project. If you have questions, see or call Julie Petersen (563-349-9673).

Food Pantry

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

Attendance last Sunday: 80

'Tis the Season

It's time to consider volunteering for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Christmas program, ringing the bell. Our dates are Mondays, at the Publix at Merchant's Crossing, from 10 am to 6 pm. You serve in 2-hour increments, and we start the Monday after Thanksgiving. Dates are: Nov. 27th, Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th. This is a chance to love your neighbor by just giving 2 hours of your time. The sign-up poster will be in the narthex starting November first.

Advent Bible Study

You are invited to attend an Advent Bible study on "The Names of Jesus." It will be held every other Wednesday afternoon from 1 till 3, starting November 8th. This is a short (4 week) class, held in the doublewide. If you are interested, just drop in on Wednesday.

November Ladies Lunch

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 15th, 11:30 a.m. at Ken & Barb's. It is located off Placida Road just south of the Lemon Bay high school. There will be separate checks for all, which will INCLUDE an 18% gratuity. Come for the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline is Sunday, November 12th. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Questions? See or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Learn About Flower Arranging

Next Thursday, November 9, Kathy Myers will be teaching a class on the basics of flower arranging. Class starts at 10:00 am and there is a \$10 charge for supplies. If you have some flower clippers, please bring them with you. You will take your arrangement home after the class. Class size is limited, so the first 15 to sign up will be included. If you are interested, sign up in the narthex as soon as possible.

Can You Help?

Have you ever considered being a worship assistant? Did you know that you can be an assistant and not read the morning scripture if you don't want to? There may be other details you don't know, so if you might be interested, mark your calendars. There will be an informational meeting for current ministry assistants (and anyone interested in the position) after worship on November 19. Why not come and learn more? Note: we especially need Assistants for the first service starting in January.

Want to Join the Family?

We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, November 19. If you would like to be included, call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313) or tell Pastor today.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	10:00 am	Stewardship Comm.
	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast
	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Anniversary Comm.
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	10:00 am	Grace Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	6:00 pm	Prayer with Grace
Wednesday	1:00 pm	OLT
Thursday	10:00 am	Flower class

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Linda Schleede

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Debby Porter

Ushers: Jay Fisher, Art Hanson, Jim Hughs

WE PRAY FOR...

Rosie LaQuay

Debby Lynn Costello

Neal Schattauer

Verna Newlon

Bruce Grosvenor

Shirley Rice

Joyce Schultz

Art Hanson

Lou Taylor

Your Church Council

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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