
May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter



“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your Name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as We are One.” John 17:11

Faith Lutheran Church - Rotonda West - Florida

Divine Service Order

* Indicates a time to stand (if you are able)

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcoming of Guests and Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Gather

P *Christos Anesti* (“Χριστὸς ἀνέστη” – “Christ is Risen!”)

C *Alithos Anesti* (“Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη” – “Truly He is risen!”)

P We gather in the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

[Please, stand in body or spirit.]

*Gathering Hymn

God is Here!

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

[Please, remain standing.]

*A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C** **Gracious and loving God, we come before you aware of our need for your mercy.**
- We confess that we often wander from your path and struggle to turn back on our own.**
- We have fallen short in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do.**
- We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not cared for others as you call us to.**
- For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, look upon us with compassion.**
- Forgive us, restore us, and guide us gently forward. Shape our hearts so that we may find joy in your will and walk in your ways, living as people of your light, to the honor of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace, you have been saved. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

***Hymn of Praise**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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(vv. 1, 4 & 5)

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free; al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais-es be.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done; e - ven the bat - tle with sin is
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing; He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly

gloom. Let us sing praise to Him with end-less joy; death's fear-ful sting He has come to de-
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***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.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Together we pray,

C O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Please, be seated.]

THE WORD OF GOD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

THE WORD IS READ

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

^{4:12} Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. [...]

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L The Word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[Please, stand if you're able.]

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WOV 671

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give _____ praise to God's _____ name!

***GOSPEL READING**

John 17:1-11

P A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

[Please, be seated.]

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PASTOR ESTEVEZ

[Please, stand if you're able.]

THE RESPONSE

We respond to God with praise, affirmation, prayer, and offerings.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

***THE CREEDS WE AFFIRM**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

L Together we confess our faith,

C **I believe in God,**

the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's 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.**

[Please, be seated.]

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

each petition concludes... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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

Offertory Interlude

[Please, stand if you're able.]

*Offertory Hymn

We Are an Offering

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of-fer-ing, Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
 lives, they are yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
 we are an of - fer - ing, we are an of - fer - ing.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

- L Together we pray,
 C Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE HOLY MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***SURSUM CORDA**

- 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 him 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 before going to the cross, still took the time to pray for disciples of past and present. 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:

***Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

[Please, be seated.]

THE INVITATION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

THE 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; you will receive a blessing. Bring your child if you wish for him/her to receive a blessing, too. Both **wine (red)** and **grape juice (white)** are available. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the pastor. 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, please stand.]

*P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Together we pray,

C **Holy One, through this meal, you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us on a mission to the world.

*THE BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
(vv. 1, 2 & 5)

ELW 398



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Coffee Hour Will Continue

Don Penrod has volunteered to keep the coffee time before service going throughout the summer, and Jennifer Kamm has offered to help as well. Thank you, Don and Jennifer, for taking over this important job!

Pentecost is Next Sunday

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit was given to the church. It is traditional for everyone to wear red that day to celebrate the occasion. Please remember to wear a red outfit or accent piece next Sunday morning.

Food Pantry

With the summer months approaching and many seasonal residents leaving, the food bank needs more donations than ever. You can help by bringing canned meats or tuna and placing them in the container in the narthex.

WE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR ...

Tracie Thompson

Ginny Linsberg

Judy Jasper

Terry Petersen

Rice family

Reed family

Buster & Carolyn Furman

Attendance last week: 49

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every weekday 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	Council
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Mid-week Bible Study
Sunday	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Pam Duarte

Lector / Worship Assistant: Ruthie Rohrbach

Ushers: Jay Fisher, Jim Hughs, Don Penrod.

Video / YouTube: Lou Taylor

Projection Slides: Ellen Lindhurst

Sound System: Jim Porter

Your church council:

Jeff Petersen (President)
Jeff Kamm (Vice President)
Dave Johnsen (Secretary)
Jim Porter (Treasurer)
Sue Baran
Jan Moynihan
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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



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