



**Faith**  
**Lutheran Church**  
*of Rotonda West*

**Listening • Caring • Serving**

**Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
“The harvest is abundant  
but the laborers are few;  
so ask the master of the harvest  
to send out laborers for his harvest.”**

**Matthew 9:37-38**



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

C Amen!

*[Please, stand in body or spirit.]*

#### \*Gathering Hymn

#### *Praise to the Lord*

*ELW 858*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

[Please, remain standing.]

**\*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C **Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**
- P Jesus indeed once said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
- C **Amen.**

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

**\*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**

- 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 God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

[Please, be seated.]

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

## THE WORD IS READ

### FIRST READING

*Exodus 19:2-8a*

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites:<sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.<sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine,<sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.<sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

*Romans 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and

character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**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**

*Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]*

**P** A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

<sup>9:35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his

brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

**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.*

\*Hymn of Response

*How Firm a Foundation*

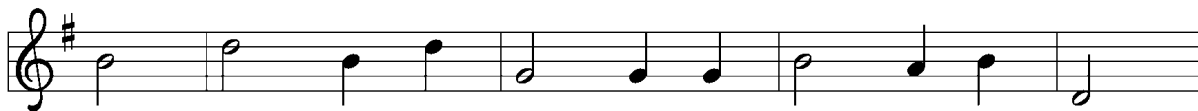
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## \*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, 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.**

[Please, be seated.]

## THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*each petition concludes...* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

L Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* ELW 692



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

- L Together we pray,  
C **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

### THE HOLY MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*SURSUM CORDA

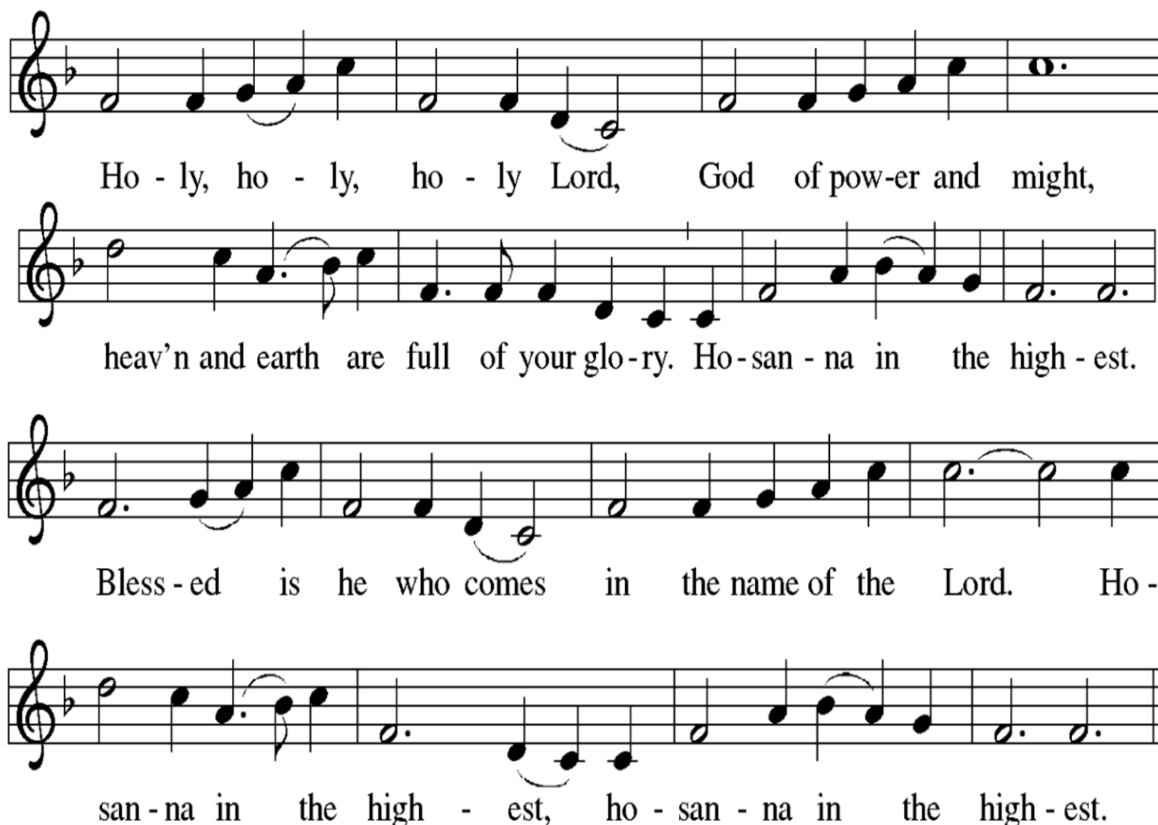
- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 calls us all, to share the Good News with the whole world. 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*

**S207**



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 Father, Son, and 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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

## 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 **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.**

## THE SENDING

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

### \*THE BENEDICTION

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

### \*Closing Hymn

*Before You, Lord*

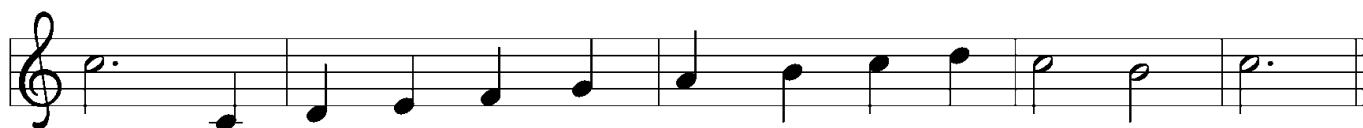
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1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -  
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your  
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!  
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

### \*THE DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude



# ***Faith's Weekly Announcements***

*Welcome to all of you attending this 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 soups and placing them in the container in the narthex.

## **Coffee Fellowship**

Our coffee time before church will continue through the summer, but we still need folks to bring goodies and/or help with set up and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## **WE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR ...**

Tracie Thompson

Ginny Linsberg

Judy Jasper

Terry Petersen

Jeff Petersen

Ron Hatt

Buster & Carolyn Furman

**Attendance last week: 50**

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Every weekday 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
	10:00 am	Council
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

## **Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Pam Vandenberg

**Liturgist:** Debby Porter

**Ushers:** Dave & Donna  
Johnsen, Gene Newlon

**Video/YouTube:** Lou Taylor

**Slides:** Ellen Lindhurst

**Sound:** Jim Porter

**Your church council:** Jeff Petersen (President), Jeff Kamm (Vice President), Dave Johnsen (Secretary), Jim Porter (Treasurer), Sue Baran, Jan Moynihan, Gene Newlon, Ken Stephens, Dave Woodliff

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Pastor: Syl Estevez    Secretary: Barbra Davis  
Organist: Candace Montesi

**Office Hours: 9:00 am – Noon (M-F)**

*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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