



FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL

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MATTHEW 11:28-30

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 CONGREGANTS, 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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

[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 **God of all mercy, we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P All-merciful, Almighty God, forgive you all your sins through the grace of ✝ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.
- C **Amen.**

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Shine, Jesus, shine - Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze - Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow - Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine - Fill this land with the Father's glory
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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 **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

[Please, be seated.]

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE SACRED SCRIPTURES ARE READ

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L The Word of God.

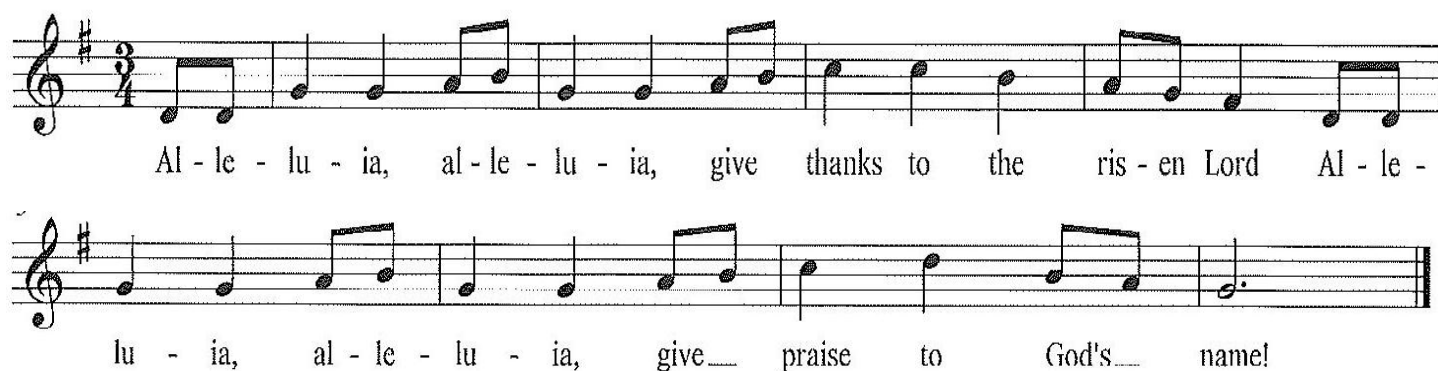
C **Thanks be to God.**

[Please, stand if you're able.]

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for

I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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.

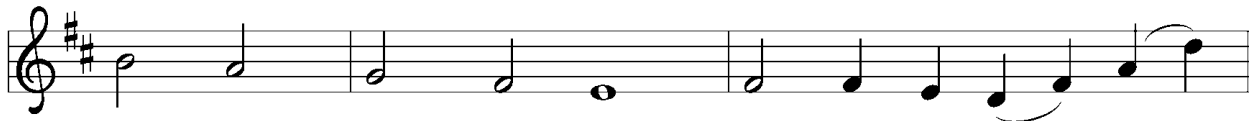
*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus Shall Reign

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

*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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for
the church, the world, and all of creation.

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

L Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our
cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

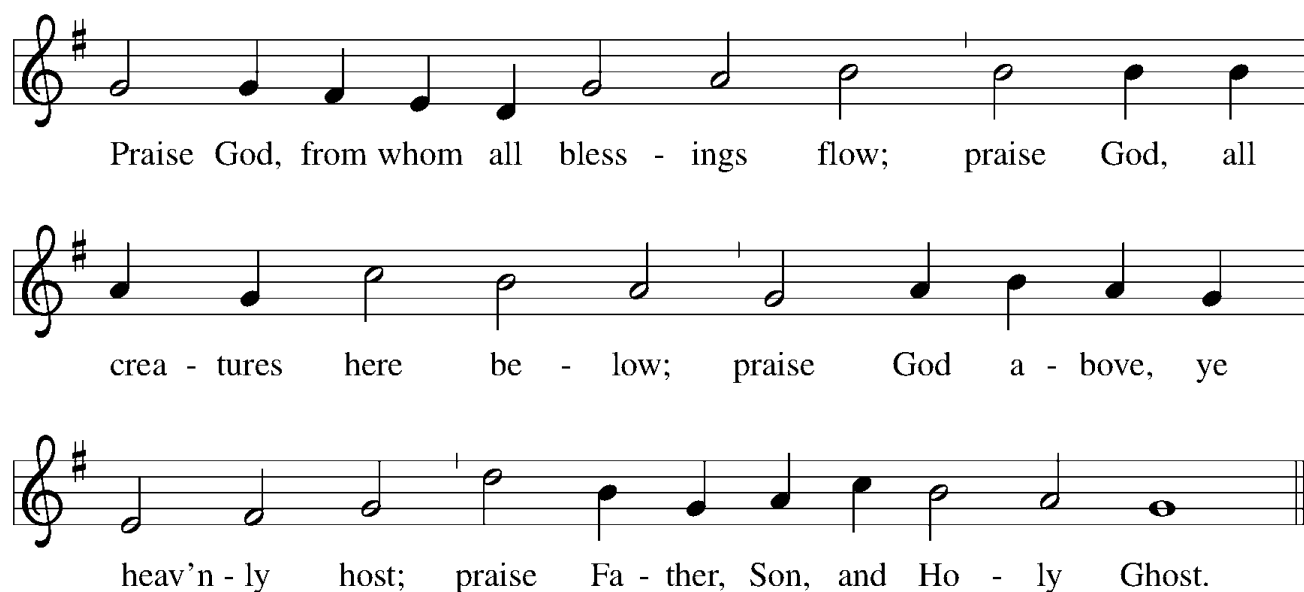
THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

[Please, stand if you're able.]

*OFFERTORY HYMN *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* ELW 885



*OFFERING PRAYER

- L Together we pray,
C Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the
gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without
limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 gives us cups of cold living water. 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 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 Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*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.

***THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Together we pray,

C We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

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

***THE BENEDICTION**

P The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, ✚ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

C Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW 890



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

***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!

Work Crew

The Work Crew will be taking a well-deserved break for the month of July. Thanks to all who came out to help all year. See you in August.

July Ladies Luncheon – Note Change!

The July luncheon will be held on THURSDAY, July 16, 11:30 am, at the White Elephant Pub. It's located at 1855 Gulf Blvd, just left of the traffic circle on Manasota Key. You will order off the menu with separate checks. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Deadline to sign up is July 12. If you have any questions, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Thank You

Cyndy Hoops would like to thank the church family for her retirement gifts and the lovely luncheon held in her honor. Special thanks to all the ladies who prepared food and decorations.

Food Pantry

We partner with the St. Francis food bank to reach out to local families in need. You can help by bringing hand soap and placing it 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.

Attendance last week: 44

We Continue Praying For ...

Tracie Thompson	Judy Jasper	Terry Petersen
Jeff Petersen	Ron Hatt	Doug Schuemann
Ruth Ash	Harold Schultz	
Buster & Carolyn Furman		Byron & Bobbie Myrick

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	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
Sunday	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Kathy Myers

Liturgist: Debby Porter

Ushers: Tom Newton, Art
Hanson, Ken Stephens

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

**Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day
weekend**

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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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