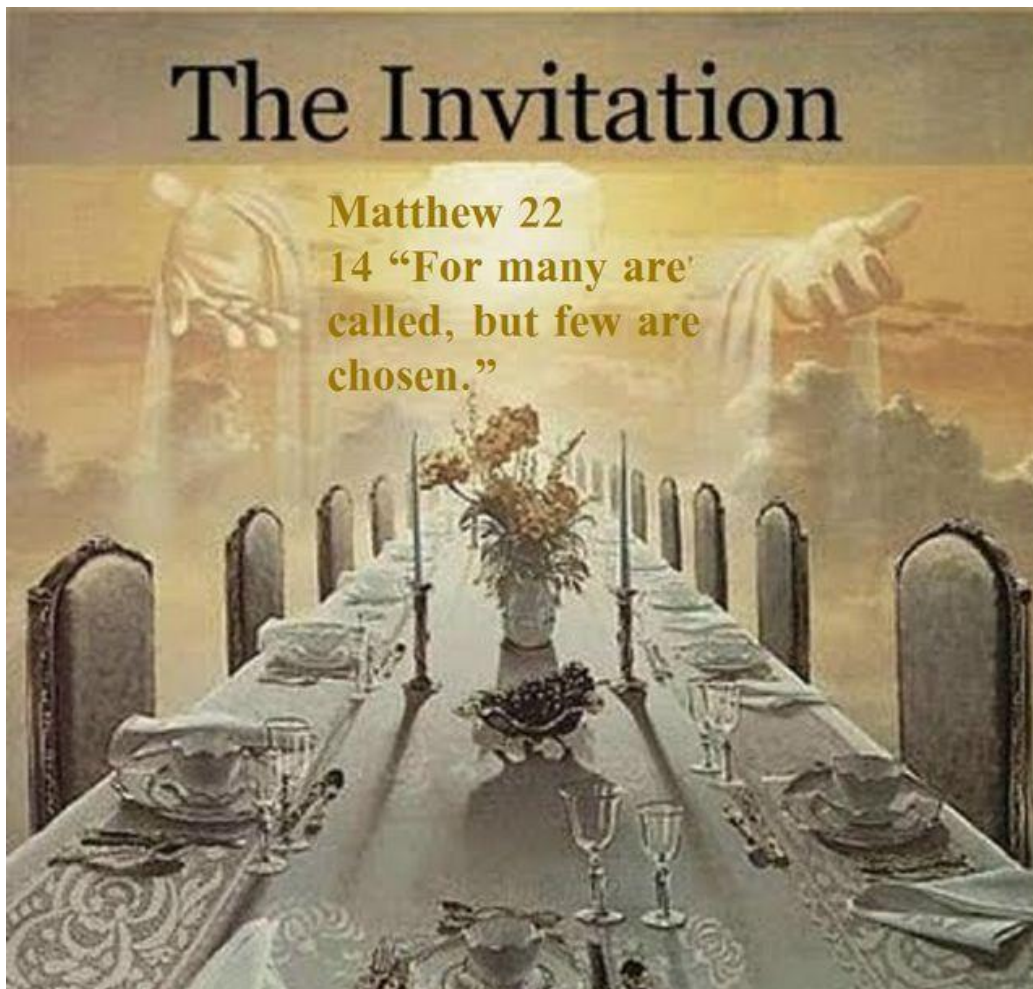

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Christ, Whose Glory

ELW 553



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

[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 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

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, — o-pen to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, — where love can grow and peace is un-der - stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. — When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. — When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*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 **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The Word of God.

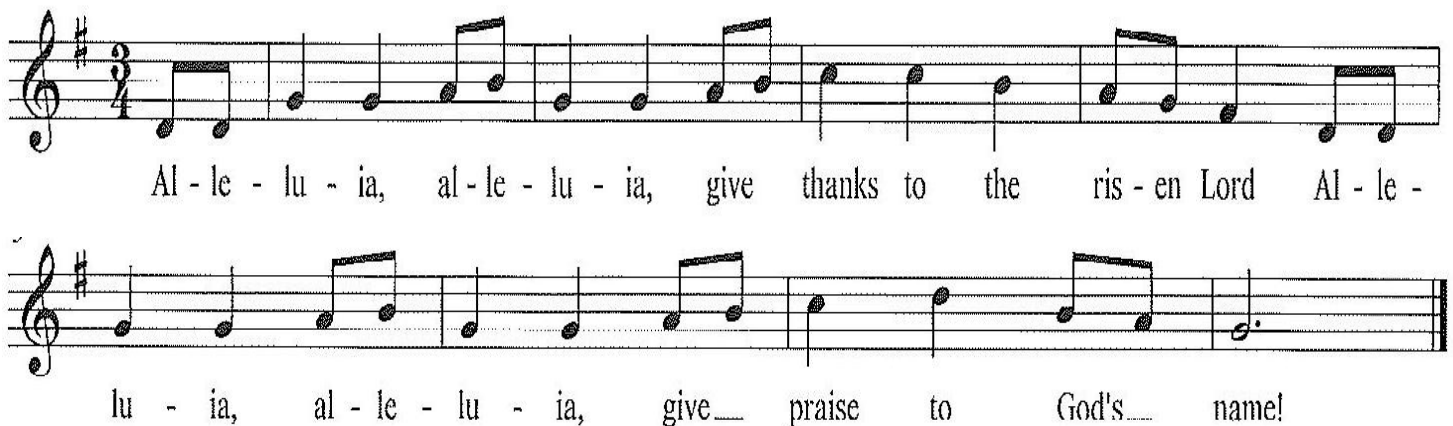
C Thanks be to God.

[Please stand if you're able.]

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WOV 671



***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go

therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please be seated.]

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

TODAY’S SERMON: “A FEAST TOO BIG FOR ONE HOUSE”

PASTOR DIBBLE

[Please stand if you’re able.]

THE ACCLAMATION

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

We Come to You for Healing

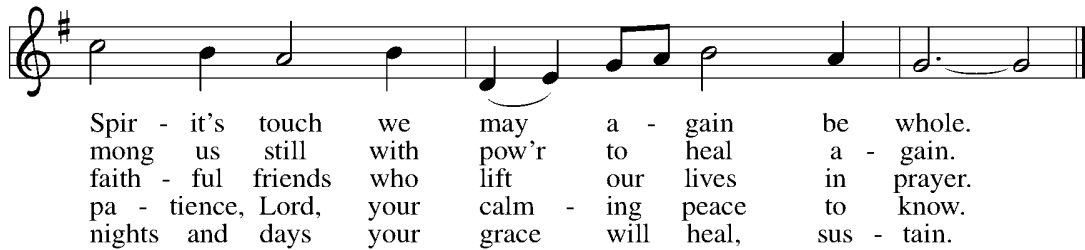
ELW 617



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians’ skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es’ gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



*THE CONFESSIONS 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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the
church and the world.

each petition with the words... **L** Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken
prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Please share the Peace of Christ with one another.

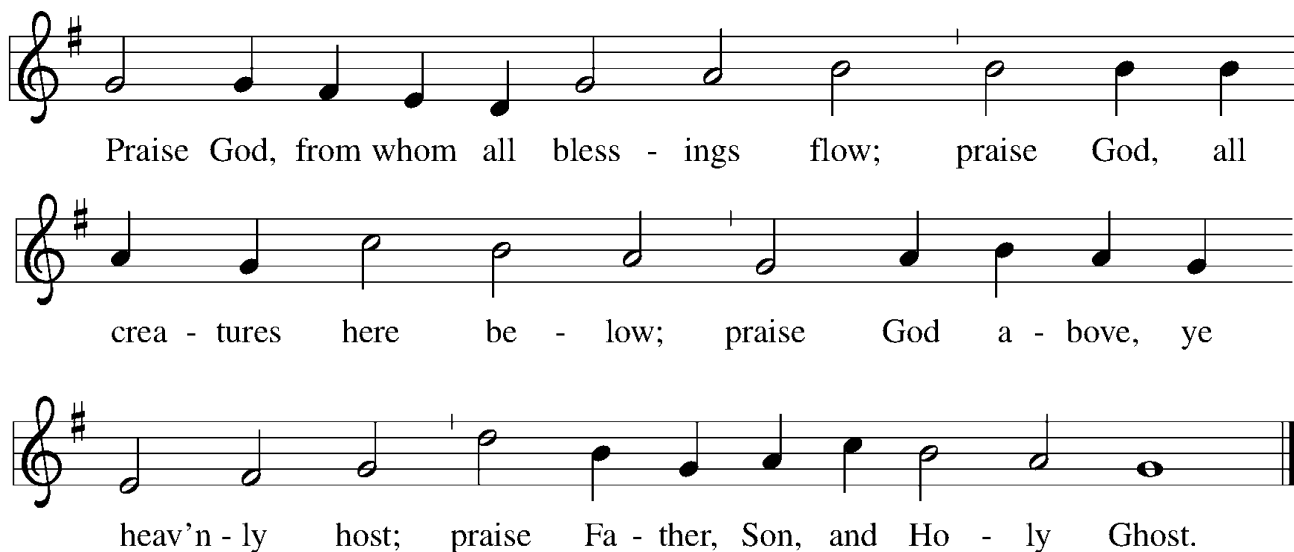
THE OFFERING

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* ELW 885



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*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 calls us to the Kingdom. 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 in 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 in 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 Come, for the banquet is ready and all are welcome

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest, 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**

The Church of Christ

ELW 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

*THE DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

October Ladies Luncheon

The next ladies luncheon will be this Wednesday, October 14th, 11:30 am, at the Big Bamboo restaurant. It is located on SR 776 in El Jobean. Today is the deadline to sign up. See Kathie Wiley for details.

SafeWalk

Every year at Halloween, the merchants of Dearborn Street sponsor SafeWalk, an opportunity for local kids to trick-or-treat safely. It is a great outreach opportunity, and we set up a table and distribute candy. You can help by donating some wrapped candy (no chocolate or nuts, please) for the event. There is a basket in the narthex for your contributions.

Stewardship

It is getting to the end of the year, and we are starting to think about stewardship. We need a few people to become part of the Stewardship committee, which plans the stewardship focus for the coming year. You don't have to contact members or ask for money! We just need some creative folks, so if you are one, see Mary Lou Fitzgerald for details.

Ladies Take Note

This Tuesday, October 13, at 11:30 there will be a special get-together for the Faith Lutheran Chicks and the Women of Hope at Hope Lutheran Church. If you don't currently attend the Tuesday morning Chicks fellowship group, this is your chance to meet some fun ladies and see what the Chicks are all about. Bring examples of your craftiness!

Attendance last week: 48

Worship and Music Committee

On Tuesday, October 27, at 10:00 am the Worship and Music committees from Faith and Hope will get together here at Faith. Please mark your calendars now.

Food Pantry

We partner with the St. Francis food bank to reach out to local families in need. You can help by bringing canned vegetables and placing them in the container in the narthex.

We Continue Praying For ...

Jeff Petersen	Harold Schultz	Doug Schuemann
Jean Ihlenburg	Bobbie Neilson	Larry Bennett
Kathy Myers	John Culver	Jim & Lou Taylor
Gary & Marcia Wilkins	Buster & Carolyn Furman	

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Donna Johnsen	Video/YouTube: Lou Taylor
Liturgist: Debby Porter	Sound: Jim Porter
Ushers: Dave & Donna Johnsen, Gene Newlon	Slides: Ellen Lindhurst

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 @ Hope Lutheran
Wednesday	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon
Sunday	9:00 am	Morning worship

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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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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