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Transfiguration of Our Lord

 *Faith*
Lutheran Church
of Rotonda West
Listening • Caring • Serving



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WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

*Call to Gather

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

C Amen!

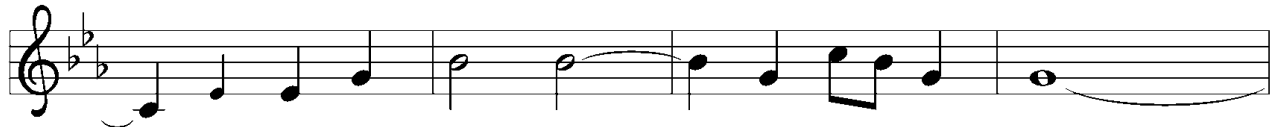
*Gathering Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

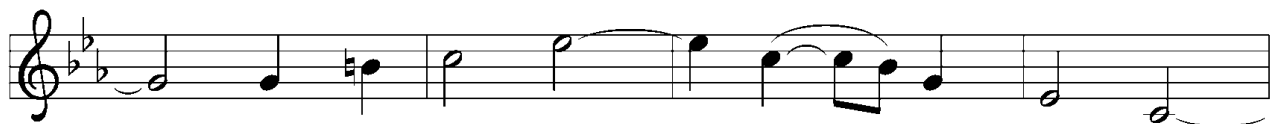
ELW 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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*A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence is kept for reflection.]

P Together we pray,

C Mighty God, lover of justice, You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from You. Turn us to seek Your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers us in the righteousness of Christ and forgives our sin in † Jesus' name.

C Amen.

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

*Hymn of the Day

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 305



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

*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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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 IS READ

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

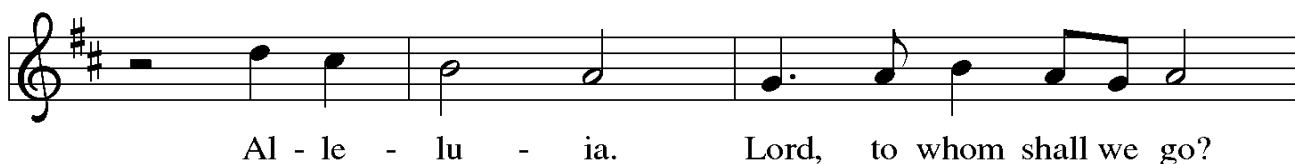
¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L The Word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**



***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes

became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

[Please, be seated.]

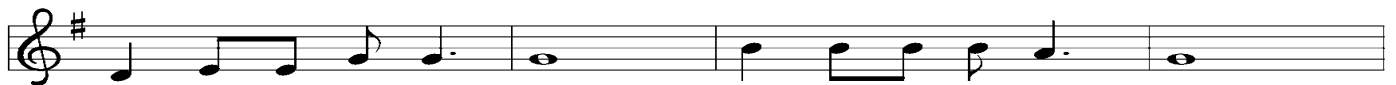
THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Pastor Estevez

***Hymn of Response**

This Little Light of Mine

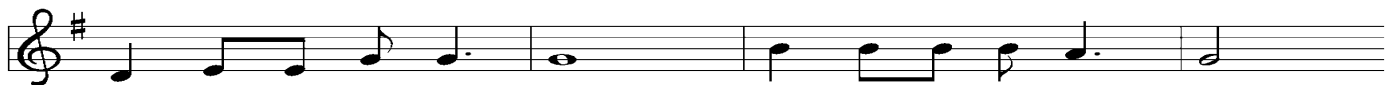
ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

[Please, be seated.]

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

L The following people have been elected by the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, Rotonda West, to positions of leadership. They are, Mr. Jeff Kamm, Mrs. Jan Moynihan and Mr. Ken Stephens.

P We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We rejoice now that these brothers [and sisters] will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

L In a letter to the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul wrote: “There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

P Brothers [**and sister**]. You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. As council members, you are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Elected Officers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

[Please, stand if you are able.]

P People of God, I ask you: will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P I now declare you installed as officers/council members of this congregation. May the Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C **Amen.**

[Please, be seated.]
[Installed officers return to their seats.]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.
each petition concludes...

C Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

L Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

P Please share the Peace with the person next to you.

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



- 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 God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what You have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal You reveal the wideness of Your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 tells us to “Get up and to do not be

afraid.” 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**

Setting 10

ELW 205



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** (*We always pray as Jesus taught*)

P 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.

***THE INVITATION**

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

***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 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.

P Together we pray,

C Radiant God, we have seen Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of His body and blood, You have drawn us to Your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of Your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

What a Fellowship

ELW 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

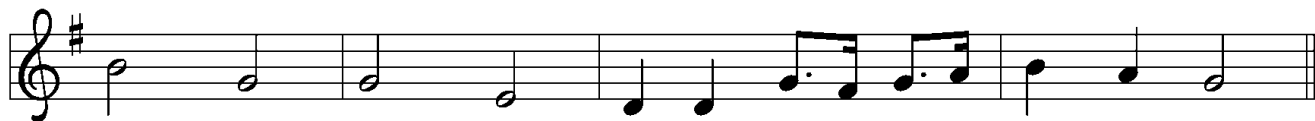


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

***THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Be salt to the earth and light to the world.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

Do You Like to Take Pictures?

We need someone who loves to take photos to help us with pictures for the church newsletter. You just need a smart phone and a willingness to attend events and document with your pictures. If you are interested, see Pastor or contact Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313). A fun and easy job for someone or even more than one.

An Opportunity for Fellowship

We are having soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent, starting February 25th. The supper will be at 5 pm followed by mid-week Lenten worship at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for those able to bring soup (in a crock pot). Dessert is also appreciated. We need 4-5 people each week to provide nourishment. There will also be a sign-up sheet to help us set up and clean up. You are asked to bring a bowl, spoon and (if you like) a sandwich. This is a great time to meet other church friends and enjoy a light supper before the Wednesday Lenten service. Start thinking about your special soup recipe!

Attendance Last Week: 81

Looking to Lent

- ~ Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We will have a 5:00 pm service. [Note the different time.]
- ~ There are 5 Wednesdays in Lent. We will have Soup Suppers on each at 5:00 pm, followed by worship at 6:00.
- ~ Times for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are TBD.
- ~ There will be one service on Easter Sunday morning at 10:45.

Lenten Help Needed

We need ushers to serve just one service (unless you want to do more) during the Wednesday Lenten evenings plus Ash Wednesday. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

WE PRAY FOR...

Ginny Linsberg
Debby Porter
Jim Hughs

Sandy Despreaux
Tracie Thompson
Kay Culver

Barbra Davis
Bob Ash

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Gloria Marsh

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Brian Lindhurst

Ushers: Dave & Donna Johnsen, Jan Moynihan

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Chicks
	10:00 am	Council
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Ash Wednesday worship
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

Your Church Council

Jeff Kamm, Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jim Porter, Dave Woodliff, Sue Baran, Dave Johnsen, Jan Moynihan, Ken Stephens

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Secretary 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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