



Faith
Lutheran Church
of Rotonda West
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"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4 (KJV)

WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

*Call to Gather

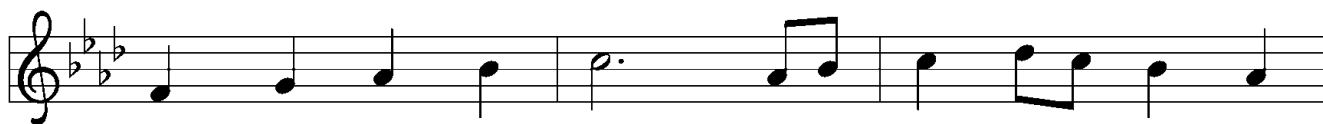
P We gather in the name of God: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

*Gathering Hymn *O Lord, Throughout These 40 Days* ELW 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

***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 **Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her,

and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L The Word of God.

C Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

[Please, be seated.]

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Pastor Shiell

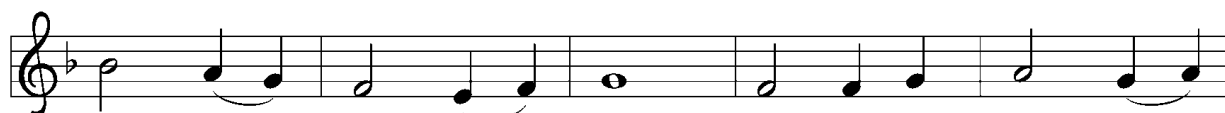
*Hymn of Response

When I Survey

ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

each petition concludes...

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

L Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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.

THE OFFERTORY

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

Offertory Interlude

***Offertory Hymn**

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts – v. 1, 3

ELW 691



- 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.

*THE 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 resisted the empty promises of the adversary, succeed where we fail, and became the true Israel. 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

Guide Me Ever

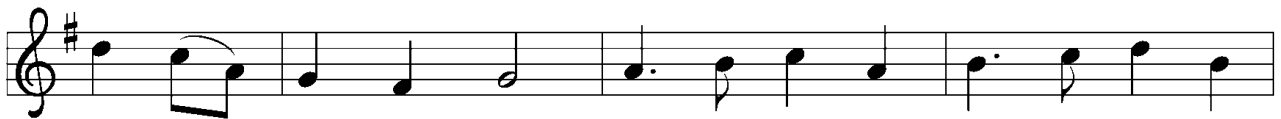
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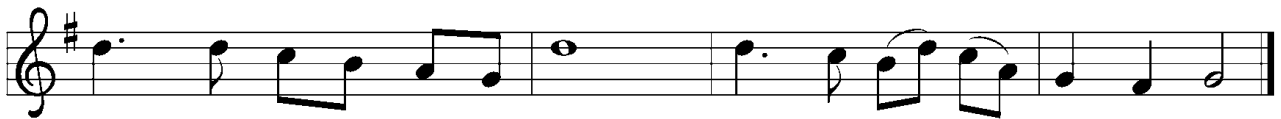
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

*THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, run from temptation and trust our Lord Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

Our Guest Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Dell Shiell is originally from Minnesota, where he graduated from the University of Minnesota and earned his master's degree (M.Div.) and doctorate (D.Min.) at Luther Seminary. Dell was ordained in 1978. Dell and Diane married in 1973 and have three children and six grandchildren. The Shiells moved to Florida in 1990. Dell served as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran, Nokomis, and Living Waters Lutheran, North Port. Since his retirement in 2016, Dell and Diane have written two nonfiction books. In the fall of 2025, under the pen name, D. D. Shiell, they published the Nightingale Mountain Trilogy, three novels about the Apostle Paul and his family. Please welcome him and his lovely wife this morning.

New Council Officers

The 2026 council met this week and chose new officers. The officers are: President, Jeff Petersen, Vice President, Jeff Kamm, Secretary, Dave Johnsen, Treasurer, Jim Porter. Be sure to congratulate them this morning!

An Opportunity for Fellowship

We are having soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent, starting this Wednesday, February 25th. The supper will be at 5 pm followed by mid-week Lenten worship at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is 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!

Lenten Help Needed

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

Ladies Luncheon

The March Ladies Luncheon will be held on March 11th, 11:30 am, at Cool Pickle in Paradise, located at 8501 Placida Road, Unit A4, Englewood. (This is in the strip mall just south of Cape Haze Resort -- look for Ace Hardware). They offer soups, salads, burgers, handhelds, baskets and more. Deadline to sign up is March 8th. If you need more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Attendance Last Week: 73

WE PRAY FOR...

Ginny Linsberg
Debby Porter
Jim Hughs

Sandy Despreaux
Tracie Thompson
Kay Culver

Barbra Davis
Bob Ash
Shirley Rice

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
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Soup supper
	6:00 pm	Lenten worship
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Gloria Marsh

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Ruthie Rohrbach

Ushers: Jay Fisher, Ken Stephens & Debby Porter

Your Church Council

Jeff Petersen (President), Jeff Kamm (Vice President), Dave Johnsen (Secretary), Jim Porter (Treasurer), Gene Newlon, Dave Woodliff, Sue Baran, 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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