

# *Serving in the Lord's House Today*

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## *THE LORD'S SUPPER (Holy Communion)*

*Those who commune at the Table of the Lord are baptized Christians who have examined their lives and consciences. Christians believe and confess that in the Sacrament of the Altar all who commune receive, irrespective of their personal convictions, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Those who receive in faith, receive thereby remission of sins, communion with Christ, and the pledge of eternal life. Those who do not receive in faith, eat and drink judgment upon themselves (1 Corinthians 11:29)". If you are not a member of this congregation or have never communed at His altar before, or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, yet seek reception of the sacrament, please make yourself known to the Pastor prior to the beginning of the service. For further study, see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35; 26:26-29; and 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Note: If for medical or any other reason you prefer not to drink wine when you commune, the rose colored individual cups in the tray hold grape juice. Gluten Free wafer available upon request.)*

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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."*  
Proverbs 22:6



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## **Mission**

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ

# Faith Lutheran Church and School

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Service—Blended

## Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

### Opening Song — He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him. He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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## The Call to Worship

### Order of Confession and Forgiveness —

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word,**

**and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained Servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit —

*P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;*

**C: and again a little while, and you will see me.**

*P: I will extol you, my God and King,*

**C: and bless your name forever and ever.**

*P: Every day I will bless you*

**C: and praise your name forever and ever.**

*P: The Lord is gracious and merciful,*

**C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,*

**C: and all your saints shall bless you!**

*P: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,*

**C: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

**C: and to the Holy Spirit;**

*P: as it was in the beginning,*

**C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;*

**C: and again a little while, and you will see me.**

### Prayer of the Day —

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**First Reading** — Acts 8:26-40

**Gradual** — Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

**Second Reading** — 1 John 4:1-11

**Gospel Reading** — John 15:1-8

**Youth Message** —

**Sermon Hymn** — Love Devine, All Loves Excelling (vs 1-2) - LSB #700 (sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)  
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

**Sermon** — By Pastor Seth Hoepfner

**Offering** — In response to hearing the Good News, we take a moment of reflection to give thanks to God.

**The Nicene Creed** —

*P: Living together in peace and hope, we confess the faith in which we are baptized:*

**C: I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His**

**Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church** —

**The Lord's Prayer: 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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer** —

**Institution** —

**Create In Me a Clean Heart** — LSB #192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **Communion Hymn — Knowing You**

*But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Philippians 3:7*

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own. All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worth-less now compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You, and known as Yours. To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life and to know You in Your suffering. To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Tag: Love You, Lord.

### **Post Communion Canticle — Thank the Lord**

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Post Communion Prayer —**

### **Blessing —**

**Closing Hymn — Love Devine, All Loves Excelling (vs 3-4) - LSB #700 (sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)**  
Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above, pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!