

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.)

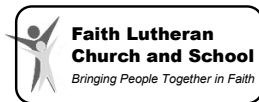
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*



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Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements
We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — Δ Christ Is Our Cornerstone—LSB #912
Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build; With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled. On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

The Call to Worship —

Order of Confession and Forgiveness —

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

C: Amen.

Introit —

P: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: his praise in the assembly of the godly!

P: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O Lord, my God, I cried to you for help,

C: and you have healed me.

P: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

C: and give thanks to his holy name.

P: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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.

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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 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

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 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Reading — John 14:1-14

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — Lord Take My Hand And Lead Me—LSB #722

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, for You, the Rock of Ages, are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe, for when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come, I know that You will strengthen my steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessed friend; So take my hand and lead me unto the end.

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 — I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, oh my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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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 — The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and t give you peace.

Closing Hymn — Firm Foundation

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. Isaiah 33:6

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word, I put my hope in Your holy Word.

I have a living hope. (I have a living hope.)
I have a future. (I have a future.)
God has a plan for me. (God has a plan for me.)
Of this I'm sure. (Of this I'm sure.)

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word, I put my hope in Your holy Word.

Your Word is faithful, (Your Word is faithful,)
Mighty in power, (Mighty in power,)
God will deliver me, (God will deliver me,)
Of this I'm sure. (Of this I'm sure.)

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