

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.)

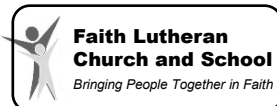
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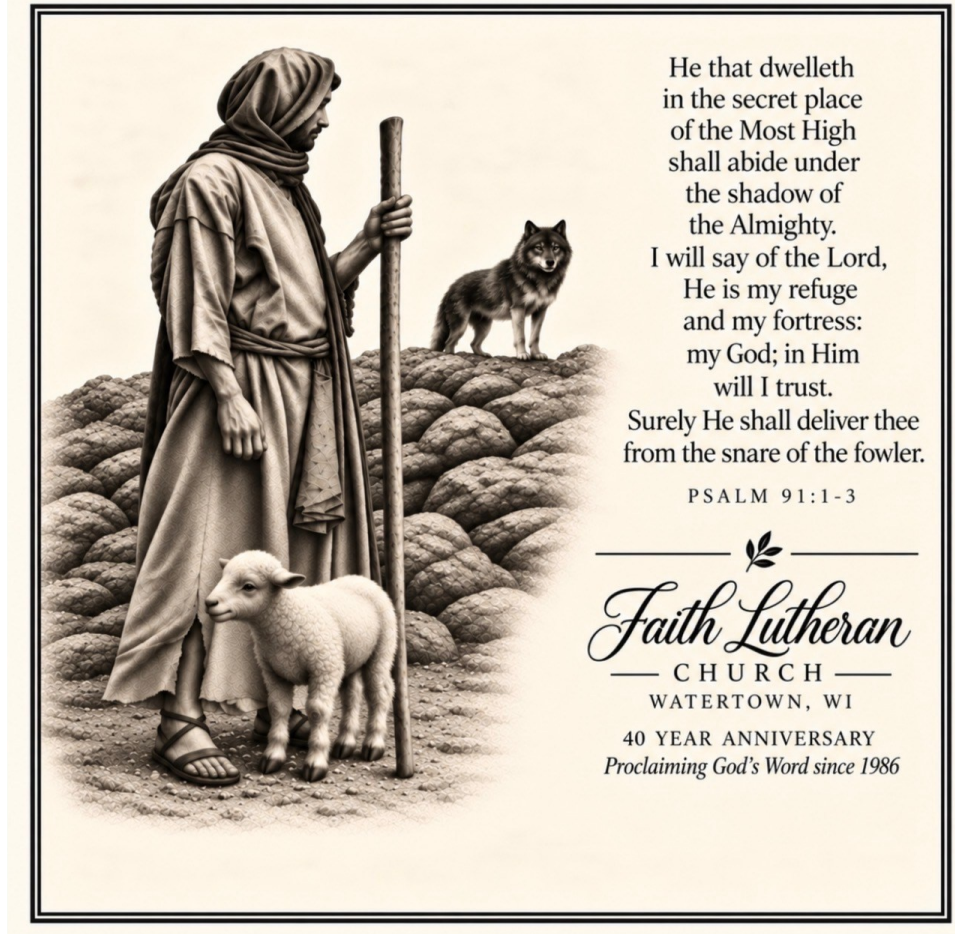


"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



Mission

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



He that dwelleth
in the secret place
of the Most High
shall abide under
the shadow of
the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord,
He is my refuge
and my fortress:
my God; in Him
will I trust.
Surely He shall deliver thee
from the snare of the fowler.

PSALM 91:1-3


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Order of Service—Divine 1

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Hymn — Now Thank We All Our God—LSB #895

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us and keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed and free us from all ills in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Invocation —

Confession and Absolution — Page 151

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 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: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the Lord.

P: What shall I render to the Lord

C: for all his benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the Lord,

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord

C: is the death of his saints.

P: O Lord, I am your servant;

C: I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the Lord.

Kyrie — Page 152 and 153

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise — Page 155 This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain, has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation — Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day —

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Psalm 100

Gradual — Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of all of them.

Second Reading — Colossians 2:1-7

Alleluia and Verse — Page 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise Verse — Page 157 under the title "Holy Gospel"

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading — Matthew 5:13-16

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message —

Sermon Hymn — I Am Jesus Little Lamb—LSB #740

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me, loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended, he shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

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 Apostles' Creed —

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 —

Lamb of God — LSB #198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymn — I Lay My Sins on Jesus—LSB #606

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load; I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains clean in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem; I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares; He from them all releases, He all my sorrow shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.
I love the Name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord; like fragrance on the breezes His Name abroad is poured.

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 — Come Thou Fount —Sung by Choir and Congregation

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come, And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wond'ring from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Choir: How Your kindness yet pursues me, how Your mercy never fails me till the day that death shall lose me, I will sing, oh, I will sing.

Oh to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be. Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Choir: How Your kindness yet pursues me, how Your mercy never fails me, till the day that death shall lose me, I will sing, oh, I will sing.

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Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.