

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.)*

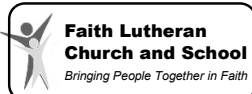
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*



Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — Shepherd of the Tender Youth—LSB #864
Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth
through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king, we
come Your name to sing and here our children bring to
join Your praise.

You are the holy Lord, O all-subduing Word, healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase that from sin's deep disgrace You
so might save our race and give us life.

You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast
of holy love; And in our mortal pain none calls on You in
vain; Our plea do not disdain; Help from above.

O ever be our guide, our shepherd, and our pride, our staff
and song. Jesus, O Christ of God, by your enduring Word
lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die, sound we Your praises high and
joyful sing: Infants, and all the throng, who to the Church
belong, unite to swell the song to Christ, our king!

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 unrighteous-
ness.**

*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: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C: I have fled to your for refuge!

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgement with your servant,

C: for no one living is righteous before you.

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: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C: I have fled to your for refuge!

Prayer of the Day —

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Genesis 50:15-21

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 — Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading — Matthew 18:21-35

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — Forgive Our Sins as we Forgive— LSB #843
“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

Sermon — By Pastor Seth Hoeppe

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 — Thy Holy Heart

But He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His words we were healed. Isaiah 53:5

The Holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father's side. The Son of God forsaken; the holy sacrifice.

For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone. My sin forever taken that I might be His own.

The Holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone. He bore the world's affliction; He bore it as His own.

For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone. My sin forever taken that I might be His own.

And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride; the Son of God now risen, will draw me to His side.

For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone. My sin forever taken that I might be His own.

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 give you peace.

Closing Hymn — The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Do not fear or be dismayed...for the battle is not yours but God's. II Chronicles 20:15

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land, the battle belongs to the Lord! No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand.

The battle belongs to the Lord! We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood, the battle belongs to the Lord! He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood.

The battle belongs to the Lord! We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear, the battle belongs to the Lord! Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near.

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