

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.)

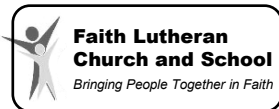
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



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Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday In Advent

Order of Service—Divine 1

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Hymn — Light One Candle

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope, He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace, He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy, ev'ry nation will find salvation in Bethl'em's baby boy.

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love, He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes! He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

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: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

C: that the mountains might quake at your presence.

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

C: and in his word I hope;

P: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

C: more than watchmen for the morning.

P: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

C: and with him is plentiful redemption.

P: And he will redeem Israel

C: from all his iniquities.

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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C: that the mountains might quake at your presence.

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.

Salutation — Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day —

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Isaiah 7:10-17

Gradual — Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Second Reading — Romans 1:1-7

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 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading — Matthew 1:18-25

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Christmas Program —

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 — O Little Town of Bethlehem—LSB #361

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

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 — Go Tell it on the Mountain—LSB #388

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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Missionary Presentation — by Pastor Jeff Teeple
-Please stay after for an extended Mission Presentation.

A reminder that our Christmas Eve service is at 5:30 pm and our Christmas Day service is at 9 am. We encourage you all to attend both services!

Sunday School Christmas Program

"The Christmas Story Poem" (lines 1 & 2)
"Jesus Loves Me" - Christmas Version
"Away in a Manger"
"The Christmas Story Poem" (line 3)
"Sing for the King"
"The Christmas Story Poem" (lines 4 & 5)

"Beautiful Savior" - Sung by the Congregation
Beautiful Savior, King of Creation
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee
Light of my soul, my light, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight
Bright the sparkling stars on high
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

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Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

"Light of the Stable"

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