

# *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

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Order of Service—Divine 1

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

**Opening Hymn — I Will Enter His Gates (He Has Made Me Glad)**  
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalms 100:1-4

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for He has made me glad."

He has made me glad, He has made me glad; I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad; I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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## Invocation —

**Confession and Absolution — Page 151**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son t 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 t Son and of the Ho-ly Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Introit —

*P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is*

**C: when brothers dwell in unity!**

*P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,*

**C: running down on the collar of his robes!**

*P: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!*

**C: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

*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: Behold, how good and pleasant it is*

**C: when brothers dwell in unity!**

**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.

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**Salutation** — Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** —

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading** — Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**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 1:17-25

**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 Luke, the 24th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading** — Luke 24:13-35

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Message** —

**Sermon Hymn** — Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word—LSB #655

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

**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.**

**Confirmation Processional** — Called Me By Name

When I consider the work of Your fingers, the sun and the stars, the land and the sea; I start to wonder, Almighty Creator, just why You would ever take thought of me. Yet You have...

Called me by name, You are acquainted with all of my ways; bought by Your blood, drawn by Your love, I am Your dwelling place. For You have called me Your friend, showing me favor again and again I'm set apart, dear to Your heart, You have called me by name.

All of creation was made for Your pleasure, the sun and the stars, the land and the sea; but, by Your grace, You have given me favor, with you I will reign for eternity. For You have...

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#### **Rite of Confirmation —**

#### **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 — 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 worthless 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 —** 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 — Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer—LSB #918**

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.