

# *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.)*

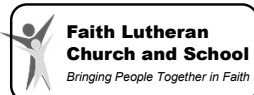
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."  
Proverbs 22:6*



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## **Mission**

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

# Faith Lutheran Church and School

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Service—Blended

## Welcome and Announcements

### We Share in the Peace of the Lord

#### Opening Song — Cry of My Heart

*Do good to your servants, and I will live; I will obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times. Psalms 119:17-20*

It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You. It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth. Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You. It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do. Open my heart up more and more and make me wholly devoted to You.

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#### 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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Introit —

P: Make me understand the way of your precepts,

**C: and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

P: My soul melts away for sorrow;

**C: strengthen me according to your word!**

P: Put false ways far from me

**C: and graciously teach me your law!**

*P: I have chosen the way of faithfulness;*

**C: I set your just decrees before me.**

*P: I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;*

**C: let me not be put to shame!**

*P: I will run in the way of your commandments*

**C: when you enlarge my heart!**

*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.**

*P: Make me understand the way of your precepts,*

**C: and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

### **Prayer of the Day —**

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son by delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading — Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**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 them all.**

### **Second Reading — Philemon 1-21**

### **Gospel Reading — Luke 14:25-5**

### **Youth Message — with Backpack Blessing**

### **Sermon Hymn — Blest be the Tie That Binds- LSB #649**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part, we suffer bitter pain; Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

### **Sermon — By Pastor Seth Hoepfner**

### **Installation of the Instructors of Faith**

**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 —**

**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 — Our Eyes Are Open**

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:17-18*

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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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 —** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones - LSB #670

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest: "Alleluia, alleluia!" Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia, alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"