

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

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Order of Service—Divine 1

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Hymn — In The Cross of Christ I Glory—LSB #427

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the Cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

C: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon the rock.

P: And now my head shall be lifted above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

C: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

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: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

C: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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 —
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Isaiah 42:14-21

Gradual — **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:8-14

Lenten Verse — Page 157
Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Praise Verse — Page 157 under the title “Holy Gospel”
P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading — John 9:1-41
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message —

Sermon Hymn — Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death—LSB #697
Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its length and breadth, it’s fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth He came to bring from sin and fear release, to give the Spirit’s unity, the very bond of peace.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that He might save; With kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us He died, and conquered in the strife; Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you 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.

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 Come to the Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace, I come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my weakness and into Your strength, humbly I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name. You welcome this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

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 — Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer, there is no more for Heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom. My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine". Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken for by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me through the deepest valley, He will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the futures sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus, now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free". Yet not I, but through Christ in Me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me Home. And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me".

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