

# *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.)*

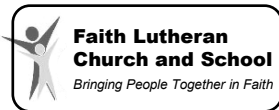
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."*  
Proverbs 22:6



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## **Mission**

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

# Faith Lutheran Church and School

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Service—Divine 1

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

### Opening Hymn — Lift High the Cross (vs 1-3) - LSB #837

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all  
the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conqu'ring  
ranks combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the  
world adore His sacred name.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of Him  
who died. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world  
adore His sacred name.

### 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 for-  
give 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: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous  
things!*

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

*P: The Lord has made known his salvation;*

**C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the  
house of Israel.*

**C: All the end of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;*

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*P: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,*

**C: with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

*P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn*

**C: make a joyful noise before the King, 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. Amen.**

*P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous  
things!*

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

### 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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Salutation** — Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** —

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Reading** — Acts 11:1-18

**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** — Revelation 21:1-7

**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 John, the 16th chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading** — John 16:12-22

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children's Message** —

**Sermon Hymn** — We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the Lord of lords, for He is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne; we will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; hallelujah to the Lord of lords for He is the great I Am.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

**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 —**

**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 — 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 —**

**Closing Hymn — Lift High the Cross (vs 4-6) - LSB #837**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be; Praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.