

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

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements
We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Tag: He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

P: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

C: evil may not dwell with you.

P: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

C: you hate all evildoers.

P: You destroy those who speak lies;

C: the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

P: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

C: make your way straight before me.

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: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of the Day —

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Ezekiel 33:7-20

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 — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel Reading — Luke 13:1-9

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — Oh God, My Faithful God (vs 1-4) - LSB #696

O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing: Give me a healthy frame, and may I have within a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Grant me the strength to do with ready heart and willing whatever You command, my calling here fulfilling; That I do what I should while trusting You to bless the outcome for my good, for You must give success..

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling; Guard me lest idle speech may from my lips be falling; But when within my place I must and ought to speak, then to my words give grace lest I offend the weak.

Lord, let me win my foes with kindly words and actions, and let me find good friends for counsel and correction. Help me, as You have taught, to love both great and small and by Your Spirit's might to live in peace with all.

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 — Oh God, My Faithful God (vs 5-6) - LSB #696

Let me depart this life confiding in my Savior; By grace receive my soul that it may live forever; And let my body have a quiet resting place within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day when all the dead are waking, stretch out Your mighty hand, my deathly slumber breaking. Then let me hear Your voice, redeem this earthly frame, and bid me to rejoice with those who love Your name.

Post Communion Canticle — Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee vs 1 - LSB #632

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee my heartfelt thanks forever be, who hast so lovingly bestowed on me Thy body and Thy blood.

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 — Great Is Thy Faithfulness - LSB #809
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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