

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.)*

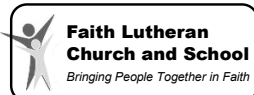
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*



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Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday After Christmas

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — What Child is This—LSB #370

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

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: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: his understanding is beyond measure.

P: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

P: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

C: Praise your God, O Zion!

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: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day —

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — 1 Kings 3:4-15

Gradual — To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Second Reading — Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Reading — Luke 2:40-52

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — Within the Father's House—LSB #410
Within the Father's house the Son has found His home, and to His temple suddenly the Lord of life has come.

The doctors of the Law gaze on the wondrous child and marvel at His gracious words of wisdom undefiled.

Yet not to them is giv'n the mighty truth to know, to lift the earthly veil that hides incarnate God below.

The secret of the Lord escapes each human eye, and faithful pond'ring hearts await the full epiphany.

Lord, visit Thou our souls and teach us by Thy grace each dim revealing of Thyself with loving awe to trace.

△ Till we behold Thy face and know as we are known thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, coequal Three in One.

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 — Cares Chorus

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall. Psalms 55:22

I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

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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 give you peace.

Closing Hymn — How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name, Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

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