

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.)

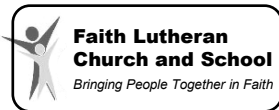
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



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Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service—Divine 1

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Hymn — Come Unto Me Ye Weary—LSB #684

"Come unto Me, ye weary, and I will give you rest." O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed! It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace, of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, and I will give you light." O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night! Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way; But Thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

"Come unto Me, ye fainting, and I will give you life." O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife! The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long; But Thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out." O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt, which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free, invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

P: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

C: unite my heart to fear your name.

P: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C: and I will glorify your name forever.

P: For great is your steadfast love toward me;

C: you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

P: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C: and they do not set you before them.

P: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

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.

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Salutation — Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day —

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8

Gradual — Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Second Reading — Romans 8:18-27

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 Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading — Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message —

Sermon Hymn — My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less—LSB #576

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all
other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In
ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all
other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all
other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be
found, clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before
His throne!

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all
other ground is sinking sand.

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 — In Holy Conversation—LSB #772

In holy conversation we speak to God in prayer, and at His invitation our deepest thoughts we share. We come, His will obeying, as children bringing needs; And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations begin in child-like ways; We bring our supplications and words of thanks and praise. With care our Father listens to ev'ry thought expressed, then answers our petitions in ways He knows are best.

As holy conversations, in silence or by word, in ev'ry situation through Jesus, we are heard. So let us pray securely, expressing hopes and fears with confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

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 — On What Has Now Been Sown—LSB #921

On what has now been sown thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow'r is Thine alone to make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, and Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known, from Thee are all our pow'rs; Accept what is Thine own and pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, and to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us, now met before Thee here, may meet together thus when Thou and Thine appear and follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Presentation by Cornerstone of Grace