

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

December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath—

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: For unto us a Son is given.

P: To us a Son is born.

C: And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

P: And his name shall be called—

C: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

P: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: Let us worship the newborn king!

Opening Song — Angels We Have Heard on High - LSB #368

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Confession and Forgiveness —

P: Heavenly Father, through your Son Jesus, you invite us to lay down our great fears and enter into your great joy.

C: But instead we often fasten on to our fears.

P: We wallow in our worries.

C: We drown in our depression.

P: We suffer in our sin.

C: We forfeit your forgiveness.

P: We get lost in our grudges.

C: We refuse your joy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that through our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.

P: With great love and mercy the angel says, "Fear not, for behold, I will bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). On the cross, Jesus carried your sin and shame and rising again he defeated every enemy. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

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Prayer of the Day —

O God, you make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come O the fullness of his joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading — Isaiah 9:1-7

Second Reading — 1 John 4:7-12

Gospel Acclamation —

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading — Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Hymn — 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!

Sermon — By Pastor Seth Hoepfner

Offering — In response to hearing the Good News, we take a moment of reflection to give thanks to God.

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 — O Holy Night

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night divine! O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the Wisemen from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; In all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need; to our weakness is no stranger, behold our King! Before Him lowly bend! Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend! Christ is the Lord! Oh praise His name forever, His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim. His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

Post Communion Cantic — 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 —

Benediction —

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi and the peace of Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy spirit, bless you now and forevermore.

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Lighting of the Christmas Candles —

Closing Hymn — Silent Night - LSB #363

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.