

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Order of Service—Divine 1

Welcome and Announcements
We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Hymn — I Will Enter His Gates

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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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: For zeal for your house has consumed me,

C: and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

P: O God, why do you cast us off forever?

C: Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

P: Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

C: Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

P: Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

C: the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

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 zeal for your house has consumed me,

C: and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

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.

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 see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 — Jeremiah 26:8-15

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 — Philippians 3:17-4:1

Lenten Verse — Page 157

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Praise Verse — Page 157 under the title "Holy Gospel"

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading — Luke 13:31-35

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children Singing —

Children's Message —

Sermon Hymn — Jerusalem, My Happy Home (vs 1-3) - LSB #673

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil! In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green; There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs as nowhere else are seen.

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 — Jerusalem, My Happy Home (vs 4-6) - LSB #673

There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell and evermore do sing.

Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below will join the glorious band.

○ Christ, do Thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love
that I may see Thee and adore with all Thy saints above.

Post Communion Canticle — ○ Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee vs 2
- LSB #632

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to
me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am
I! How good Thou art!

Post Communion Prayer —

Blessing —

Closing Hymn — Firm Foundation

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. Isaiah 33:6

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word,
I put my hope in Your holy Word.

Verse: Choir leads – Congregation echoes

I have a living hope. (I have a living hope.)

I have a future. (I have a future.)

God has a plan for me. (God has a plan for me.)

Of this I'm sure. (Of this I'm sure.)

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word,
I put my hope in Your holy Word.

Your Word is faithful, (Your Word is faithful,)

Mighty in power, (Mighty in power,)

God will deliver me, (God will deliver me,)

Of this I'm sure. (Of this I'm sure.)

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word,
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