

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.)

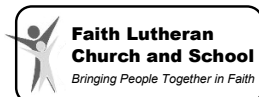
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



LCMS

Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

Order of Service—Blended

Choir and Children will be singing

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — Angels from the Realms of Glory (vs 1-2) - LSB #367
Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth: Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the Infant Light.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath—

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Lighting of the Advent candles)

P: On this holy night, we light the Christ candle on the Advent wreath as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world. The apostle John writes, "In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5).

C: Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Fill our lives with your life and light.

P: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

C: Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your light and love in our lives.

Confession and Forgiveness —

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we live in the light of our Savior, but we are still tempted by the darkness of sin. We follow our selfish desires. We turn from your Word to listen to the temptations of the world. We fail to love others as we should because we do not let Jesus' light shine through our lives. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and turn our hearts and minds to the light of Jesus.

P: God has had mercy on us. By his death and resurrection, Jesus, the Light of the world, has overcome the darkness of sin, death and Satan. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day —

Almighty God, at creation you spoke your Word and light shattered the darkness. On this holy night, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, the Word made flesh. In him, the light once again broke into the world made dark by sin. By his death and resurrection, Jesus brought to us life and light. Lead us, tonight and always, to walk by faith as children of light. We pray that Jesus' love will shine in our words and actions so that through our witness, others will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. On this night when we celebrate his birth, hear our prayers and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading — Psalm 98

Second Reading — Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Reading — Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Hymn — Angels from the Realms of Glory (vs 3-5) - LSB #367
Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

△ All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

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 —

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 your 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 Canticle — Nunc Dimittis page 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer —

Benediction —

P: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

C: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

P: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

C: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:11-14).

P: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

C: Amen.

We Light the Individual 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.