

# *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.)*

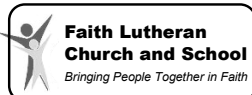
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."  
Proverbs 22:6*



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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 7, 2025

Second Sunday in Advent

Order of Service—Blended

## Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

**Opening Song —** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1-3) -  
LSB #357

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God ap-  
pear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O  
Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things  
mightily; To us the path of knowledge show and teach us  
in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come  
to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on  
Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the Law in cloud  
and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
come to thee, O Israel!

## 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: 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 unrighteous-  
ness.**

*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 that 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: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;*

**C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

*P: Seek the Lord and his strength;*

**C: seek his presence continually!**

*P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,*

**C: his miracles, and the judgements he uttered,**

*P: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,*

**C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

*P: He is the Lord our God;*

**C: his judgments are in all the earth.**

*P: He remembers his covenant forever,*

**C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand genera-  
tions.**

*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: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;*

**C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

### **Prayer of the Day —**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading —** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Gradual — Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

### **Second Reading —** Romans 15:4-13

### **Gospel Reading —** Matthew 3:1-12

### **Youth Message —**

Sermon Hymn — O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 4-7) - LSB #357

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

### **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 Nicene Creed —**

*P: Living together in peace and hope, we confess the faith in which we are baptized:*

**C: I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 — Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus—  
LSB #338**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth  
Thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry long-ing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**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 —**

**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 t give you peace.

**Closing Hymn — Jesus, There's Something About That Name**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. There's just something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus,  
Jesus, Jesus. Let all heaven and earth proclaim. Kings and  
kingdoms shall all pass away, but there's something about  
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