

# *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 29, 2024

First Sunday After Christmas

Order of Service—Blended

## Welcome and Announcements

### We Share in the Peace of the Lord Lighting of the Candles

#### Opening Song — Glory to God

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.  
Psalms 57:5*

Glory to God in the highest, peace to His people on earth; Almighty God, the Father, the heavenly King glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth; Almighty God the Father, the Heavenly King.

#### We worship You, we give thanks to You, we praise You for Your Glory. We worship You, we give thanks to You, we praise You for Your glory.

Jesus Our Lord and Savior, ruling in glory above; author of life and creator of infinite love. We call on You now for mercy. We pray for Your healing within; O Lamb of God so worthy, forgive us our sins.

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## 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 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 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: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,*

**C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

*P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!*

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

*P: The Lord has made known his salvation;*

**C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;*

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*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.**

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**C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

### **Prayer of the Day —**

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading —** Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

**Gradual — To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

**Second Reading —** Colossians 3:12-17

**Gospel Reading —** Luke 2:22-40

**Sermon Hymn —** Angels from the Realms of Glory (vs 1-3) - 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.

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.

**Sermon —** "Departures" based off Luke 2:22-40 By Pastor Dennis Kneer

**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 —** Now Sing We Now Rejoice - LSB #386

Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice; He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies; Not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee. Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child; Through Thy grace and merit, blest Jesus, Lord most mild, draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

Now through His Son doth shine the Father's grace divine. Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity till He opened for us a bright eternity. May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground? Where the angels singing with all His saints unite, sweetest praises bringing in heav'nly joy and light, oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

### **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 —

### **Closing Hymn —** △ Angels from the Realms of Glory (vs 4-5) - LSB #367

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.