

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.)*

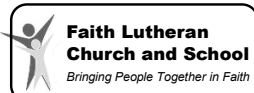
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*



LCMS

Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

December 28, 2025

First Sunday After Christmas

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — Glory to God on the Highest/We Worship You

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.

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.

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: When Israel was a child, I loved him,

C: and out of Egypt I called my son.

P: Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah,

C: lamentation and bitter weeping.

P: Rachel is weeping for her children;

**C: she refuses to be comforted for her children, because
they are no more."**

P: Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping,

C: and your eyes from tears,

P: for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord,

C: and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

P: There is hope for your future, declares the Lord,

**C: and your children shall come back to their own coun-
try."**

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: When Israel was a child, I loved him,

C: and out of Egypt I called my son.

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 — Isaiah 63:7-14

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

Second Reading — Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading — Matthew 2:13-23

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — Of the Fathers Love Begotten (vs 1-3) - LSB #384

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, of
the things that are, that have been, and that future years
shall see evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of
grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of

our race, and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first re-
vealed His sacred face evermore and evermore.

This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one ac-
cord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their
faithful word. Now He shines, the long-expected; Let crea-
tion praise its Lord evermore and evermore.

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 vir-
gin 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 as-
cended 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 be-
lieve in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who pro-
ceeds 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 apos-
tolic 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 — 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 — Of the Fathers Love Begotten (vs 4-5) - LSB #384

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises
sing, pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God
and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in
concert ring evermore and evermore.

△ Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost,
to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and un-
ending praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal
victory evermore and evermore.

Amen.