# 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

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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."



#### **Mission**

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

# Faith Lutheran Church and School May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter Order of Service—Blended

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

**Opening Song** — Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vs 1-2) - LSB #465 (sung to the tune of From All That Dwell Below the Skies #816)

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings, there fore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life and by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### 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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for selfexamination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the t Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### Introit —

P: I am the good shepherd.

C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds:

C: from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob, his people, Israel his inheritance.

P: With upright heart he shepherded them

C: and guided them with his skillful hand.

P: But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C: from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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: I am the good shepherd.

C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

#### Prayer of the Day —

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Acts 20:17-35

Gradual — Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

**Second Reading** — Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Reading — John 10:22-30

**Sermon Hymn** — The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (vs 1-3) - LSB #710

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.  $\underline{3}$ 

**Sermon** — By Pastor Seth Hoeppner

**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 — The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (vs 4-5) - LSB #710

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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** — 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** — Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vs 3-4) - LSB #465 (sung to the tune of From All That Dwell Below the Skies #816)

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above that we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed!! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!