

# *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

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Service—Blended

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

### Opening Song — Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my vic-to-ry won; May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### 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 self-examination.*

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit —

*P: Precious in the sight of the Lord*

**C: is the death of his saints.**

*P: I love the Lord, because he has heard*

**C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

*P: Because he inclined his ear to me,*

**C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

*P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*

**C: I suffered distress and anguish.**

*P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:*

**C: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

*P: For you have delivered my soul from death,*

**C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

*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.**

*P: Precious in the sight of the Lord*

**C: is the death of his saints.**

### **Prayer of the Day —**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading —** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Gradual — O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### **Second Reading —** Romans 8:1-11

### **Gospel Reading —** John 11:1-45

### **Youth Message —**

### **Sermon Hymn —** Christ The Life of All the Living (vs 1-4) - LSB #420

Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe: Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole; Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul; Yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, treating Thee with shameful scorn and with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne, that as Thine Thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee

### **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 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 — Christ The Life of All the Living (vs 5-7) - LSB #420**

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, that from pain I might be free; Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security; Comfortless Thy soul did languish me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for Thy sorrows deep and sore, for Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, for Thy bleeding and Thy dying, for that last triumphant cry, and shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

**Post Communion Canticle — Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs 2) - LSB #643**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing His children of each tribe and race,

With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

**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 — My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling and in my doubts in my failures You won't walk out Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go in the questions, Your truth will hold Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You (oh-oh-oh). My Lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh). Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh). Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh), safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings with each morning I'll rise and sing, my God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea,.

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You (oh-oh-oh). My Lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh). Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh). Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh), safe to shore.

Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms,

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You (oh-oh-oh). My Lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh). Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh). Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh), safe to shore.