

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

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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — Christ is Our Cornerstone - LSB #912

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build; With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled. On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

Order of Confession and Forgiveness —

P: In the name of the Father and of the t 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 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: The Lord is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C: He leads me beside still waters.

P: He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore.

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 the 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 — Ezekiel 34:1-16

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 — 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Reading — John 10:11-18

Sermon Hymn — I Am Jesus' Little Lamb - LSB #740

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me, loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attend-
ed, he shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to
rest.

Sermon — By Pastor Dennis Kneer

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 — Have No Fear Little Flock - LSB #735

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

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 give you peace.

Closing Hymn — Majesty

Yours, O Lord, is the Greatness and the Power and the Glory and the Majesty and the Splendor, for everything in Heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the Kingdom; You are exalted as Head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flows from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His Majesty Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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