

# *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.)*

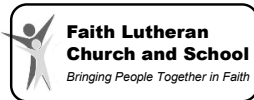
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."*  
Proverbs 22:6



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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 25, 2021

Christmas Day

*From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. John 1:16*

Order of Service—Blended

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

### Invocation and Call to Worship —

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**C: He was with God in the beginning.**

P: Through him all things were made.

**C: Without him nothing was made that has been made.**

P: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only.**

P: Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**C: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

P: Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing—

**C: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

### Opening Song — Hark the Herald Angels Sing - LSB #380

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!  
[Refrain]

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
[Refrain]

### Confession and Forgiveness —

P: Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heavenly Father, we are in great need of great grace.

**C: For we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed.**

P: Sin traps us in despair.

**C: And locks us up in anger and resentment.**

P: Sin binds us to guilt.

**C: And imprisons us in darkness and doubt.**

P: Sin shackles us to shame.

**C: And leaves us behind the bars of loneliness and loss.**

*You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.*

P: Hear the Christmas Gospel! The Word became flesh to bear your sin and be your Savior. From the cradle Jesus loves you and from the cross Jesus forgives you. I invite you to believe and receive this promise: Jesus paid for your sin, forgives it completely, and loves you everlastingly! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing—

**C: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

### Prayer of the Day —

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading** — Isaiah 52:7-10

**Second Reading** — Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel Acclamation** —

*P:* Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**C:** When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son. Hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading** — John 1:14-18

**Sermon Hymn** — Rejoice in His Coming (Sung to tune of Immortal, invisible God only wise)

Rejoice in His coming, all people of earth! Be glad in your King on the day of His birth! Bow down to the one all creation obeys! Lift up the Lord Jesus, and crown Him with praise!

The glory of heaven now lights up the sky with news of great joy from our Father on high. Tonight He has given a Savior, a Son! The angels all gather and worship as one.

A star is proclaiming the place of His birth, and wise men draw near from the ends of the earth. In wonder we watch as their treasures unfold. They worship with myrrh and with incense and gold.

Come, shepherds and angels, the great and the small, let's gather and kneel to the Lord of us all, Messiah, our Shepherd, our glory, our light.

All praise in the highest to You, Jesus Christ!

**Sermon** — By Richard Lowe

**Offering** — In response to hearing the Good News, we take a moment of reflection to give thanks to God.

**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.

**Benediction** —

*P:* May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi and the peace of the Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forevermore!

**C:** O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

**Closing Hymn** — Go Tell it on a Mountain - LSB #388

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]