

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.)

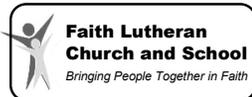
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



LCMS

Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

December 26, 2021

First Sunday After Christmas

Worship is at the heart of Christmas as God's people join with the angelic host and celebrate that what was promised by God for centuries has been realized in the birth of the babe of Bethlehem. What the prophets had longed and hoped for has become a marvelous reality! The "Christmas story" is more than a story—it is real, true, living history! Today, we rejoice with those who saw Jesus' coming even before His birth and join with those who surround us here and now in bringing praise to Christ, the babe of Bethlehem, who, by His life, death, and resurrection, has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — We Praise You for Your Glory

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.

Chorus:

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.

Chorus:

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: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we Your people confess our sins with contrite hearts. We are by nature sinful and separated from You. We live sin-filled lives, transgressing Your Law in thought, word, and deed. We repent of our sins and beseech Your great forgiveness. By the power of the Holy Spirit within us, direct us so that we may amend our sinful lives and joyfully walk in ways of love and peace to Your glory.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

Salutation —

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day —

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, we rejoice at Your birth, which brings us reconciliation with God and fulfills the promises of God's good will towards His fallen creation. We welcome You, Jesus, as the Savior of the world and the Lord of our hearts, for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: Amen.

Introit —

C: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.

P: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

C: 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. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.

Old Testament Reading —

P: The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.
Isaiah 9:2-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 song, for He has done marvelous things!

Epistle Reading —

P: The Epistle is from Titus, the second chapter.
Titus 2:11-14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading — Luke 1:39-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-20

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — Jesus Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.
(Repeat)

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 —

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 virgin 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 ascended 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 believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds 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 apostolic 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 —

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Preface —

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface —

Prayer of Thanksgiving —

The Words of our Lord —

Proclamation of Christ —

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Peace of the Lord —

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Distribution —

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 —

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us grace at this time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We bless You for all Your mercies, which are renewed each and every day in Christ. As we have now feasted in Your presence and at Your bidding once again, help us to show forth Your praise in joyful obedience to Your loving will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus —

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction —

P: 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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn — Joy to the World - LSB #387

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King: Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love