

Serving in the Lord's House Today

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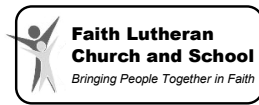
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



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

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God on Trial

Sympathy

When we feel that the world is against us, it is easy to feel self-pity. We make ourselves the victims and wallow in our trouble. Jesus refused to do that, though. Rather, he felt compassion for those he knew would suffer after him and even forgave those crucifying him. Likewise, rather than pitying ourselves, we feel pity for those who have no idea of the destruction that awaits them and want them to know the Father's forgiveness.

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 1-2) - LSB
#436

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter
hour; Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ
to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul
sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him
to bear the cross.

Confession and Sins —

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open
and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**C: Amen. I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of
many sins. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me. For
all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness. Have mercy on
me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins,
their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your
sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the
name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm Prayer — Lord, we bow down to you in thankful
praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and
great on the earth. You have not abandoned the work of
your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Passion History —

Sermon Hymn — Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 3-4) - LSB
#436

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His
feet, mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to
die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless
clay; All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Sermon — By Richard Lowe

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

Prayer —

P: O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

C: We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

P: To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer —

Blessing —

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn — My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs 3-4) - LSB #702

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's
tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen
stream shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and
distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Our Father

(from the collection "They'll Believe By Your Love")

Gently

Music by Marie-Jo Thun

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be Thy
name. Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who
tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For the king - dom and the
pow - er and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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