

Blessing —

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Closing Hymn — O, Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (vs 13-15) - LSB #439

Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me. I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me. I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me nor death alarm me.

But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it; Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it; Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness nor shame my weakness.

And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven to me the crown of joy at last is given, where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

Serving in the Lord's House Today

Pastor: Seth Hoepfner

Music Coordinator & Clavinova: Becky Roell

Organist: Judy Grove

Audio Visual: John, Ella & Madeline Mock

Reader: Harry Kopplin

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Neil Rand PhD

Church & School Secretary: Kristin Walter

Ministers: All the People of Faith

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.)

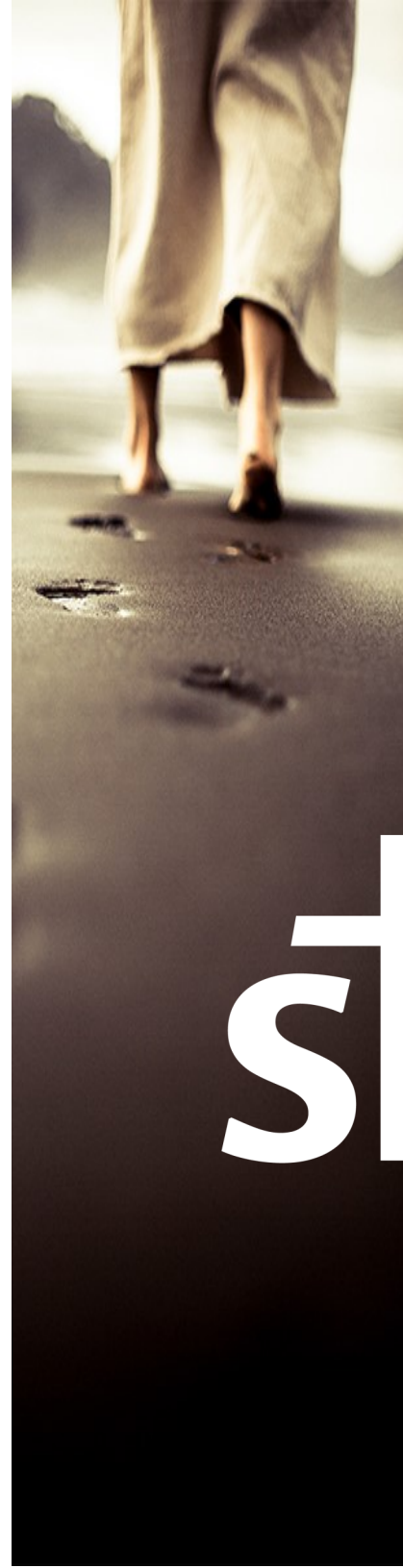
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HIS FINAL STEPS

Faith Lutheran Church and School

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His final steps led to a fig tree.

Opening Song — O, Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (vs1-3) - LSB #439

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken that such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken? Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, what dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee; With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee; They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish? It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish; Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, this I do merit.

Confession of Sins —

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

Penitential Psalm — Grant peace to your people, Lord, that amid the stresses of life, we may rest quietly, knowing all is right with you. Since your Son has paid for every sin, defeated every enemy, and rules at the right hand of your throne in heaven, let us fall asleep each night in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading — Psalm 4

Sermon Text — Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

Hymn — O, Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (vs6-8) - LSB #439

There was no spot in me by sin untainted; Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted; My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, such woe it wrought me.

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded, that brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded! All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying while Thou wert dying.

O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory! How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story? How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?

Sermon — By Pastor Seth Hoepfner

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

(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 *rit.* Now and for - ev - er. A - men.