

# *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.)*

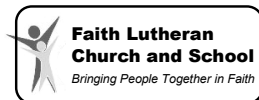
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."  
Proverbs 22:6*



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## **Mission**

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

# Faith Lutheran Church and School

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Service—Blended

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

### Opening Song — I will Enter (He Has Made Me Glad)

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalms 100:1-4*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for He has made me glad."

He has made me glad, He has made me glad; I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, He has made me glad; I will rejoice for He has made me glad. **Repeat**

## 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit —

*P: Precious in the sight of the Lord*

**C: is the death of his saints.**

*P: I love the Lord, because he has heard*

**C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

*P: Because he inclined his ear to me,*

**C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

*P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*

**C: I suffered distress and anguish.**

*P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:*

**C: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

*P: For you have delivered me soul from death,*

**C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

*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: Precious in the sight of the Lord*

**C: is the death of his saints.**

### Prayer of the Day —

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### First Reading — Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Gradual — O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### Second Reading — Romans 8:1-11

### Gospel Reading — John 11:1-45

**Sermon Hymn —** When I survey the Wondrous Cross - LSB #425

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

**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 —**

*P: Living together in peace and hope, we confess the faith in which we are baptized:*

**C: 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 —**

**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 —**

**Post Communion Canticle —** Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs 1) - LSB #643

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. O now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

**Post Communion Prayer —**

**Blessing —**

**Closing Hymn —** Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus - LSB #685

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth here after. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, give to us, immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be in Your presence constantly, living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.