

# *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.)*

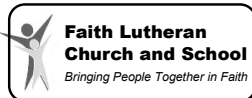
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."*  
Proverbs 22:6



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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 28, 2024  
Maundy Thursday  
God on Trial  
Respite

The Supper is a respite for believers in an antagonistic world. In it we find peace, reconciliation, and communion with Christ and one another. In this room, we are safe and strengthened for our task. Even Jesus longed for this before his suffering.

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

**Opening Song** — When You Woke That Thursday Morning (vs 1-3) - LSB #445

When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend, thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end; Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come when but One could pay sin's wages; You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart to be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart; Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat, one last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples feet.

What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent, what great gift that would outlive them, what last will and Testament? "Show me and the world you love Me, know me as the Lamb of God: Do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood."

## **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 Jesus, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name, for you have promised to be with me. Amen.

**First Reading** — Exodus 12:21-30

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**Gospel Reading** — Luke 22:7-20

**Sermon Hymn** — When You Woke That Thursday Morning (vs 4-5) - LSB #445

One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head, when we meet, by You invited, You are with us as You said. One with You and one another in a unity sublime, see in us Your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.

One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious, and Your saints will know the rapture that Your heart desired for us, when the longed for peace and union of the Greatest and the least meet in joyous, blest communion in Your never-ending feast.

**Sermon** — By Pastor Seth Hoepfner

**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 —

#### Our Father

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

Gently

Music by Marie-Jo Thum

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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### Eucharistic Prayer —

#### Institution —

#### Create In Me a Clean Heart — LSB #192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

### Communion Hymn — Choir is Singing

#### Post Communion Canticle — Sent Fourth 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 —

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

**C: Amen.**

#### Closing Hymn — O Sacred Head Now Wounded - LSB #449

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown. O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend, for this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.

Be Thou my consolation, my shield, when I must die; Remind me of Thy passion when my last hour draws nigh. Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy cross shall dwell, my heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.