

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 — Abide With Me (vs 4-6) - LSB #878

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Serving in the Lord's House Today

Pastor: Seth Hoepfner

Music Coordinator & Clavinova: Becky Roell

Organist: Judy Grove

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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 his enemies.

Opening Song — Abide With Me (vs 1-3) - LSB #878

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, but kind and good, with healing in Thy wings; Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

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 — Lord Jesus, you are the stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone. We praise you for facing the fury of your enemies undaunted. Because you overcame death itself, we will not die but live, and we will always proclaim your marvelous deeds; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading — Psalm 118

Sermon Text — Luke 20:9-19

Hymn — Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted - LSB #451

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress; Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would intervene to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast: Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

Sermon — By Pastor Dennis Kneer

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.