

# *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

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Order of Service—Blended

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

### Opening Song — The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

*The Lord is my light and my salvation – Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - Of whom shall I be afraid?*

The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is the strength of my life. The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is the strength of my life. So I will not be afraid, no, I will not be afraid; because the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light.

In the day of trouble He will hide me; He will keep me safe, He will guide me through. The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is the strength of my life. The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is the strength of my life. So I will not be afraid, no, I will not be afraid; because the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light.

In the darkest hour He will keep me; evil has no power when He shelters me. The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is the strength of my life. The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is the strength of my life. So I will not be afraid, no, I will not be afraid; because the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, the Lord is my light.

## 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: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;*

**C: be gracious to me and answer me!**

*P: The Lord is my light and my salvation;*

**C: whom shall I fear?**

*P: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:*

**C: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

*P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;*

**C: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will lift me high upon a rock.**

*P: For my father and my mother have forsaken me,*

**C: but the Lord will take me in.**

*P: Wait for the Lord;*

**C: be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

*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: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;*

**C: be gracious to me and answer me!**

### **Prayer of the Day —**

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading — Acts 1:12-26**

**Gradual — Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.**

### **Second Reading — 1 John 5:9-15**

### **Gospel Reading — John 17:11b-19**

### **Youth Message —**

**Sermon Hymn —** O Word of God Incarnate - LSB #523 (sung to the tune of The Church in One Foundation LSB #644)

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, dear Master, received the gift divine; And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations Your true light as of old! O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face!

**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 —**

**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 — Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - LSB #621**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way as the Light of Light descending from the realms of endless day, comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**Post Communion Canticle — Thank the Lord  
Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post Communion Prayer —**

**Blessing —**

**Closing Hymn — Ten Thousand Reasons**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name. I'll worship Your holy Name. I'll worship Your holy Name.