

Serving in the Lord's House Today

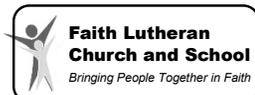
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THE LORD'S SUPPER (Holy Communion)

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



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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

“We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.” - Psalm 48:9

Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord Lighting of the Candle

Invocation and Call to Worship —

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

C: Be strong and courageous, be careful to live according to everything Moses commanded .

P: Do not let God's Word depart from your mouth.

C: But meditate on it day and night.

P: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

C: Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts because nothing is impossible with our God!

Hymn — The Advent of our King (vs 1-3) — LSB #331

The advent of our King our prayers must now employ, and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy

The everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be, Himself a servant's form puts on to set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly King, nor let your faithless heart despise the peace He comes to bring.

Confession and Absolution —

P: Almighty God, because nothing is impossible with you, we come into your presence confessing our sin, confident of your mercy and forgiveness. For lack of reverence; for calculating minds; for going along with the majority—

C: O Christ, forgive us.

P: For selfishness that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; for artificial life and worship—

C: O Christ, forgive us.

P: For self-indulgence; for being pompous and puffed up with self-importance—

C: O Christ, forgive us.

P: For cynicism about our fellow Christians; for cruel indifference; for being satisfied with things as they are and failing to trust that with you nothing is impossible—

C: O Christ, forgive us.

P: For token concern for the poor, the lonely and the loveless people; for confusing faith with good feelings—

C: O Christ, forgive us.

P: For everything in us that hides your divine power—

C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P: Hear the good news! Because of his death and resurrection, Jesus is our Savior. The Lord God has given to him the throne of his father David. Jesus reigns over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Therefore, you are fully and forever forgiven in Jesus' name.

C: Nothing is impossible with our God!

Prayer of the Day — Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Joshua 1:7-9

Gradual — Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout Aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Second Reading — Colossians 3:15-17

Gospel Reading — Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Hymn — The Advent of our King (vs 4-5) — LSB #331

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again and His true members all unite with Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day let sin's dark deeds be gone, the sinful self be put away, the new self now put on.

Sermon — “Open the Door” By Pastor Hoepfner

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 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 —

Benediction—

P: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

P: So that whatever we do, in word or deed.

C: We do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

P: Giving thanks to God the Father through him because

C: Nothing is impossible with our God!

Closing Hymn — Savior of the Nations, Come (vs 1, 2, 3, 8) — LSB #332

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home! Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God, was the Word of God made flesh - Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child, yet remained a virgin mild. In her womb the truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be now and through eternity.