

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.)*

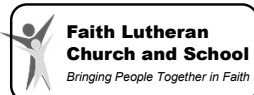
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*



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Mission

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

Faith Lutheran Church and School

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Order of Service—Blended

Welcome and Announcements

We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — O Christ Who Called the Twelve—LSB #856
O Christ, who called the twelve to rise and follow You, forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new: Grant us to hear Your call to risk security and, bound in heart and will to You, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the twelve the truth for ages sealed, whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed: Instruct us now, we pray, by Your empow'ring Word. True teacher, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who led the twelve among the desolate and broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate: Lead us along the ways where hope has nearly died and help us climb the lonely hills where love is crucified.

O Christ, who sent the twelve on roads they'd never trod to serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God: Send us on ways where faith transcends timidity, where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

O Christ, th' apostles' Lord, the martyrs' strength and song, the crucified and risen King to whom the saints belong: Through generations pass, our tribute still we bring, our hymns a sacrifice of praise, our lives an offering.

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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit —

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers:

C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P: For kingship belongs to the Lord,

C: and he rules over the nations.

P: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship:

C: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P: Posterity shall serve him;

C: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.

C: that he has done it.

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.

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers:

C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Prayer of the Day —

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading — Isaiah 9:1-4

Gradual — Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Reading — Matthew 4:12-25

Youth Message —

Sermon Hymn — O God of Light—LSB #836

O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing, shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way and show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling, and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

From days of old, through blind and willful ages, though we rebelled, you gently sought again and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages, who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing to sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace; And questing spirits, longing for Your healing, see your compassion in the Savior's face.

To all the world Your summons You are sending, through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race, that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending, may praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.

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 Apostles' Creed —

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 — Make Me a Servant

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. John 13:14-16

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

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Post Communion Canticle — Nunc Dimittis page 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer —

Blessing — The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and t give you peace.

Closing Hymn — What a Mighty God We Serve

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