

# *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

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Order of Service—Blended

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

### Opening Song — In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength,  
my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the  
fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what  
depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I  
stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh, fullness of God in help-  
less babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the  
one He came to save; Till on that cross as Jesus died, the  
wrath of God was satisfied for ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here  
in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by dark-  
ness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the  
grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse  
has lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is mine — Bought  
with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in  
me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my  
destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck  
me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, here in the  
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

### The Rite of Baptism —

#### Order of Confession and Forgiveness —

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 ho-  
ly, 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 t Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit —

*P: I am the good shepherd,*

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my  
life for the sheep.**

*P: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;*

**C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

*P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*

**C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

*P: For the Lord is a great God,*

**C: and a great King above all gods.**

*P: Of come, let us worship and bow down;*

**C: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

*P: For he is out God,*

**C: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his  
hand.**

*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 am the good shepherd,*

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

### **Prayer of the Day —**

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading — Acts 2:42-47**

**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 Peter 2:19-25**

### **Gospel Reading — John 10:1-10**

### **Youth Message —**

**Sermon Hymn — Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us—LSB #711**  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we

go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

### **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 — Father Welcomes—LSB #605**

Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these. Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.

Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured: Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again.

Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him, walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

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**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 —** 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 — Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus—LSB #685**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above; Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where Your guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die; There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be in Your presence constantly, living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.