

# *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

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The Baptism of Our Lord  
Order of Service—Blended

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

**Opening Song** — To Jordan's River Came Our Lord (vs 1-3) -  
LSB #405

To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly  
hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The  
Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh dis-  
guised— To stand beneath the Father's will And all His right-  
eousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of  
God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from  
above.

## 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 or-  
dained Servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore for-  
give you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the †  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit —

*P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,*

**C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

*P: I will tell of the decree:*

**C: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begot-  
ten you.**

*P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,*

**C: and the ends of the earth your possession.**

*P: You shall break them with a rod of iron*

**C: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

*P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;*

**C: be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

*P: Serve the Lord with fear,*

**C: and rejoice with trembling,**

*P: for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

**C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

*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: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,*

**C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

### Prayer of the Day —

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River  
You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with  
the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful

in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading** — Isaiah 43:1-7

**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** — Romans 6:1-11

**Gospel Reading** — Luke 3:15-22

**Sermon Hymn** — To Jordan's River Came Our Lord (vs 4-6) - LSB #405

Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."

The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

**Youth Message** —

**Sermon** — By Pastor Dennis Kneer

**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 — Jesus Once With Sinners Numbered - LSB #404**

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, had no blemish of His own; In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown: Heaven opened and the Spirit there descended like a dove, as the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My son, the One I love."

John confessed Him as the Savior "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the sandals of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, bringing news of peace to us, Christ the herald of salvation, preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior greatly longed to undergo: This the crimson cleansing needed so the world God's love might know: This the mission of Messiah as He stepped from Jordan's stream, He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, full obedience was Your path: You, by death, have consecrated water in this saving bath: Dying to the sin of Adam, rising to a life of grace: We are counted with the righteous, over us the cross you trace.

**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 — Step by Step**

*I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes. I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.*  
*Psalms 119:58-60*

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You. O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your way; and step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

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