

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.)

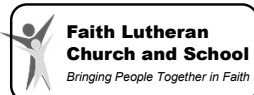
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6



Mission

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



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The Peace Candle: When things don't make sense, when we can't do what we think we should be able to so, when we get tied up in frustration, we must remember that Peace is seeing things from God's perspective.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Welcome and Announcements We Share in the Peace of the Lord

Opening Song — The Night Will Soon Be Ending (vs 1-2) - LSB #337

The night will soon be ending; The dawn cannot be far. Let songs of praise ascending now greet the morning star! All you whom darkness frightens with guilt or grief or pain, God's radiant star now brightens and bids you sing again.

The One whom angels tended comes near, a child, to serve; Thus God, the judge offended, bears all our sins deserve. The guilty need not cower, for God has reconciled through His redemptive power all those who trust this child.

Order of Confession and Forgiveness —

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, so often we turn away from your Word and your holy will to follow our own desires and the temptations of the world around us. We fail to love others as we should. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. In weakness the Son of God, Jesus our Lord, died on the cross for us. In power he rose from the dead in triumph over sin, death and the devil. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: The message of the cross is the power of God for our salvation!

Prayer of the Day —

Almighty God, at the right time you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Coming in power to save, our Lord was born in Bethlehem and laid in a humble manger. His mighty power was hidden in the weakness and suffering of his death on the cross and revealed in his triumphant resurrection. He has rescued us from sin, death and the devil. In the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us to follow Jesus and walk in his ways. Help us to be bold witnesses to his love and saving power so that others will come to know and worship him as Lord. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Psalm 71:1-7

Epistle Reading — Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading — Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Hymn — The Night Will Soon Be Ending (vs 3-5) - LSB #337

The earth in sure rotation will soon bring morning bright, so run where God's salvation glows in a stable's light. As old as sin's perversion is mercy's vast design: God brings new creation this child its seal and sign.

Yet night will bring their sadness and rob our hearts of peace, and sin in all its madness around us may increase. But now one star is beaming whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for our redeeming from sin's oppressive might.

God dwells with us in darkness and makes the night as day; Yet we resist the brightness and turn from God away. But grace does not forsake us, however far we run. God claims us still as children through Mary's infant Son.

Message — By Richard Lowe

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 —

Benediction — 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 — △ O Blessed Light, O Trinity—LSB #890
O blessed Light, O Trinity, O everlasting unity; As now the fiery sun departs, send forth You light into our hearts.

To You our morning song of praise, to You our evening prayer we raise; We praise Your light in ev'ry age, the glory of our pilgrimage.

All glory be to God above and to the Son, the Prince of love, and to the Spirit, one in three! We praise You, blessed Trinity.

Our Father
(from the collection "They'll Believe By Your Love")
Gently Music by Marie-Jo Thurn

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be Thy
name. Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread and for - give us our tres - passes as we for - give those who
tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
, but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For the king - dom and the
pow - er and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for - ev - er. A - men.