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Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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 - congregation stands.
  - congregation sits.
  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.
  - congregation sings.
 Congregation responds in **bold print**.

Pre-service Music

Order of Service
(adapted from Divine Service - Setting Four, *LSB* p. 203)

 **HYMN:** "O Sing to the Lord" - *LSB* #808


INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 124:8*)

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

 **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

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 ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

i The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

i **Old Testament**

Isaiah 29:11-19

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said:
"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."
Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"
You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

i **GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter:
Glory to You, O Lord

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
 but their heart is far from me;
 in vain do they worship me,
 teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ.

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 shall 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.

Luther's Explanation of the Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer

What is the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

During the summer months the children's message will focus on the articles of the Apostles' Creed and the petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday: Children's Lesson Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*

HYMN: "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here" - *Christian Worship* #601

1 Your love, O God, has called us here, For all love
2 O gra - cious God, you con - se - crate All that is
3 O God of love, in - spire our life; Re - veal your

finds its source in you, The per - fect love that
love - ly, good, and true. Bless those who in your
will in all we do. Join ev - 'ry hus - band,

casts out fear, The love that Christ makes ev - er new.
pres - ence wait And ev - 'ry day their love re - new.
ev - 'ry wife In mu - tual love and love for you.

SERMON: Pastor Joshua Errer

This week we read one of the most misunderstood, unpopular, and abused sections of the New Testament. It is Paul's teaching about the roles of husbands and wives. In the end, Paul points to Christ and the Church as the way we are to understand why God has designed marriage in this particular way. When we look at the central panel of the "Apocalypse Altarpiece," we are, once again, taken into St. John's Revelation and this time we are brought to its end. When the tribulations and battles are over, and the New Heaven and New Earth are brought into being. When Christ reveals what waits for his people, it is described as a wedding feast in which the holy city, the church itself, is adorned as a bride, ready to meet her husband. When they are finally united, he wipes away every tear from her eye and they will dwell together in the New Paradise forever. The mystery of marriage is profound because through it we learn eternal truths.

Gathering of the Offering

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the gathering of the offering we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +
(LSB - Divine Service, setting four, p. 203)

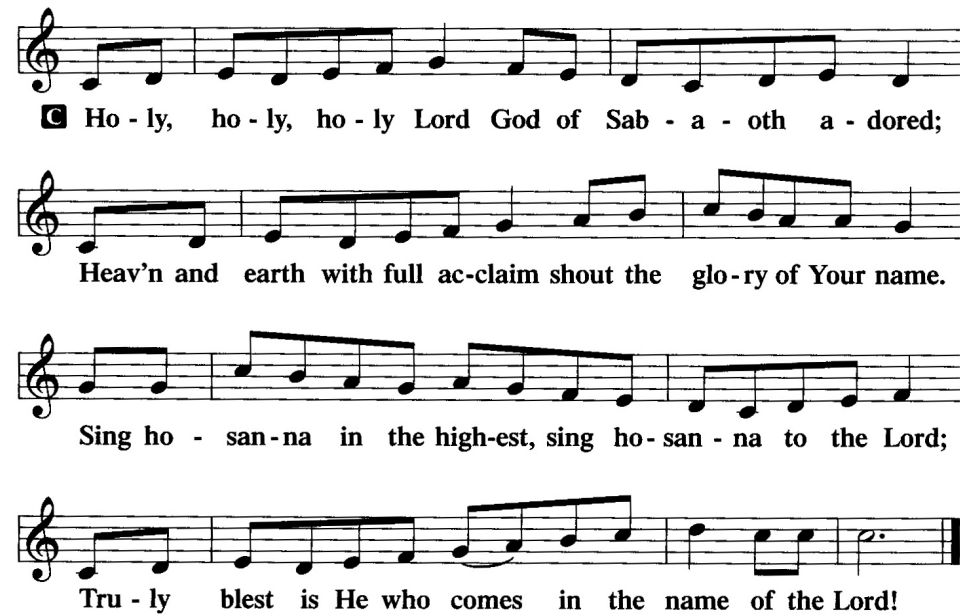
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

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COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Lord of This Holy Meal” - Stephan Starke



1 Lord of this ho - ly meal, Your lav - ish
 2 How great this mys - ter - y In which we
 3 Come now, the feast is spread; Come and be
 4 O ho - ly Lamb once slain, Cleanse sin's deep



love re - veal To all who seek for - give-ness in this
 taste and see The trea - sures of God's mer - cy and sal -
 tru - ly fed! This ta - ble Je - sus sets will fill your
 scar - let stain, Your spot - less righ - teous - ness to us ex -



din - ner. Feed now with food di - vine,
 va - tion! How blest be - yond com - pare,
 hun - ger: Grace of - fered with - out cost,
 tend - ing; As we are pu - ri - fied,



Un - der the bread and wine: Your bod - y and Your
 As here we free - ly share In Christ, our ref - uge
 Grace, sin can - not ex - haust— Why fast from His rich
 Your joy and peace pro - vide A fore - taste of that



blood for ev - 'ry sin - ner.
 from all con - dem - na - tion!
 kind - ness an - y long - er?
 ban - quet nev - er - end - ing.

“Amazing Grace” - LSB #744

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” - LSB #707

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Amen.

HYMN: “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” - LSB #813, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's surg - ing praise,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
 Send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

4. Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
 Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

5. Still lift you standard high, Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Postlude