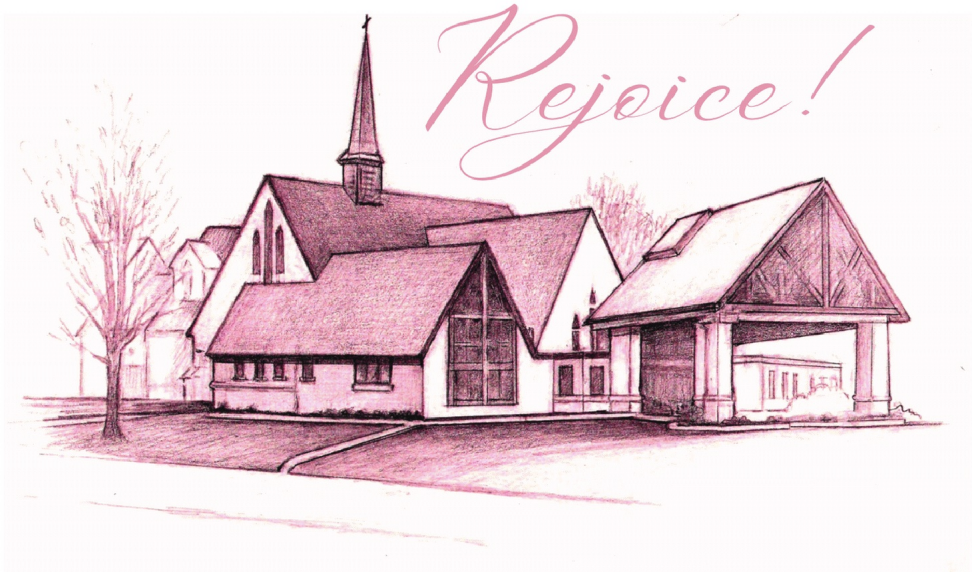


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- congregation stands.



- congregation sits.



- congregation sings.



- congregation kneel or sit as you are able.

Congregation responds in **bold** print.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

College Students: Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

Pre-service music

Order of Service



HYMN: “On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry” - LSB #344

(stanza 3 sung in canon; choose either the leading or following part)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the **✙** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 146:1–2; Philippians 4:4

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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.



ADVENT CANTICLE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - *LSB #357, stanza 6*

6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
 it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
 They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.
 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
 Say to those who have an anxious heart,
 "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
 with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
 For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of
 water;
 in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

(Zech 9:9; Ps. 118:26)

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

10:30 Adult Choir "Comfort, Comfort" - arr. Richard Proulx



GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.
(Matt. 11:10b)

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter:
Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-15

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, He sent word by His disciples and said to Him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send My messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

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

NICENE CREED

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.

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

HYMN: "Arise, O Christian People" - LSB #354



THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering

Did you know that your offering helps confess the reality of God's presence in our midst through the beauty of our facility and its thoughtful design?

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 offertory 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 +

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them 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 pow'r and might.

— Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might. — Heav-en and earth are full, — full —

of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

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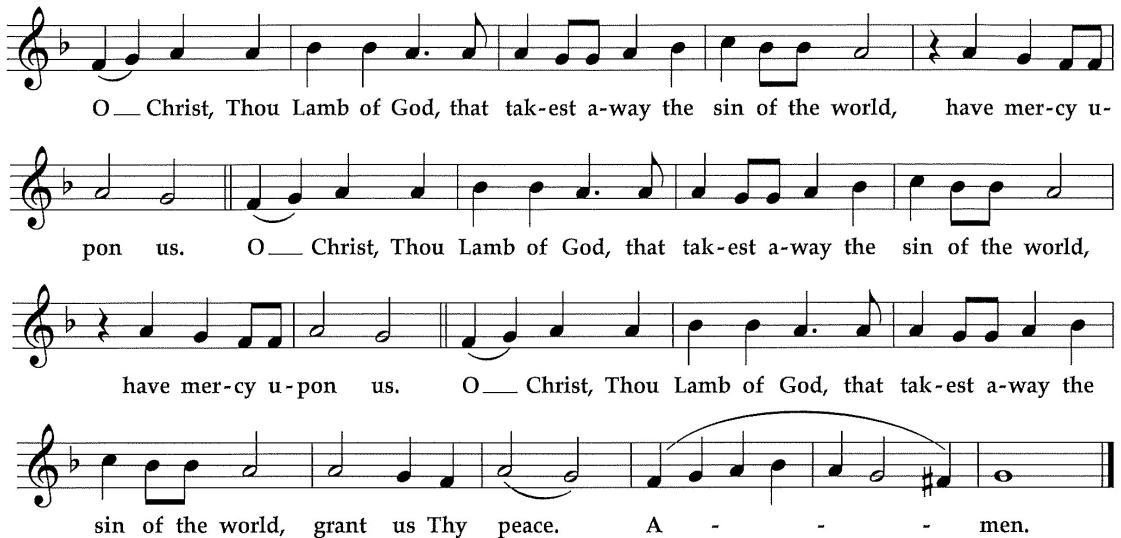
LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

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

AGNUS DEI



O — Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy u-
pon us. O — Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy u-pon us. O — Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.



COMMUNION HYMNS

10:30 Adult Choir "Remember Christians All" - Ravenscroft

"The Advent of Our King" - LSB #331

"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" - LSB #514

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" - LSB #355



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" - LSB #343

Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
God's peo - ple see Him com - ing; Your
Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
His is no earth - ly king - dom; It

King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
own e - ter - nal king! Palm branch - es strew be -
greet your pro - mised king! Your king, yet ev - 'ry
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and

val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear! Then
fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing! God's
na - tion Its tri - bute too should bring. All
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love. So

greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred
prom - ise will not fail you. No more shall doubt as -
lands bow down be - fore him! All na - tions, now a -
let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a -

sto - ry: Ho - san - na to the Lord,
asail you. Ho - san - na to the Lord,
dore Him! Ho - san - na to the Lord,
bound - ing: Ho - san - na to the Lord,

For He ful - fills God's Word!
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Postlude

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Advent and Christmas Season Service Schedule

Midweek Services (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)

December 17

Christmas Eve Services (Wednesday, Dec 24)

1:00 pm Festival Service with Adult Choir

4:30 pm Service with Children's Choir

7:00 pm Festival Service with Handbells

10:00 pm Vigil Service

Christmas Day Service (Thursday, Dec. 25)

10:00 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 31)

6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion