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

*Children are encouraged to stand, sit, and kneel with the congregation.
If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.*

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worshiping with us today and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our congregation. Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or call the church during the week.

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As we gather, please note that some people prefer to reconnect with their church family and friends in the narthex (lobby area) prior to the service, while others prefer to meditate and pray in the sanctuary in preparation for worship. The ushers will try to keep the glass doors closed so that the joyful noise of church-family conversation in the narthex and the holy silence of preparation for worship in the sanctuary can co-exist before the service begins. Suggested prayers to help you prepare for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal in the pews.

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Our services generally come out of the various settings in the Lutheran Service Book (the hymnal in the pews). We encourage people to have a hymnal for in-home use as well. Contact the office if you would like to order one.

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Most of our services include a corporate confession of sins and absolution (forgiveness) from God through the pastor. Occasionally we have Matins or other services which do not include this brief rite. We always offer individual confession and absolution by appointment and encourage our members to make use of this great gift of God.

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Holy Communion is celebrated every week at one or more of our regularly scheduled services and on certain other special occasions. 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 one of the pastors 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.

*Out of respect for God's House and your fellow worshipers,
please turn off or silence cell phones prior to this Worship Service. Thank you for your co-operation.*

Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Prelude

Handbells: 8:00 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - arr. Sandra Eithun

Order of Service
Divine Service - 1, *Lutheran Service Book*, pp. 150-166

HYMN: "Not All The Blood of Beasts" - *LSB* #431

INVOCATION

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

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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

KYRIE (*LSB* p. 152)

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy

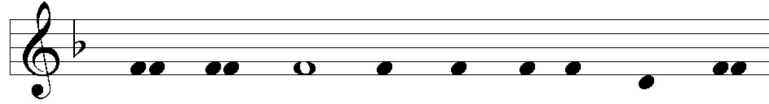
A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.



A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

Psalm 130



Out | of the depths
I cry to you, | O LORD;

O Lord, | hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for | mercy.

If you, O LORD, should mark in-iquities,
O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | giveness;
that you | may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, | my soul waits,
and in his | word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning.
more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! for with the LORD is | steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

He will redeem | Israel
from all his in- | iquities.

Glory be to the Father and | to the ☩ Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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

Verse for Lent

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of our 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.

HYMN “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” - LSB #741, stanzas 4, 5, 6, and 8



I am flesh and must re - turn To the
Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this
Then take com - fort and re - joice, For His
O, then draw a - way your hearts From all



dust, whence I am tak - en; But by
flesh then be en - shroud - ed; In this
mem - bers Christ will cher - ish. Fear not,
plea - sures base and hol - low; Strive to



faith I now dis - cern That from death I shall a -
bo - dy I shall view God, my Lord with eyes un -
they will hear His voice; Dy - ing, they will nev - er
share what He im - parts While you here His foot - steps



wak - en With my Sav - ior to a - bide
cloud - ed; In this flesh I then shall see
per - ish; For the ver - y grave is stirred
fol - low. As you now still wait to rise,



In His glo - ry, at His side.
Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.
When the trum - pet's blast is heard.
Fix your hearts be - yond the skies!

Gathering of the Offering

Handbells: 8:00 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” - arr. Lloyd Larsson

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.

Scan to Give




 OFFERTORY: “Create in Me” (LSB p. 194)


C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence; and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up- hold me with Thy free Spir-it. A - men.


THE PRAYERS


+ SACRAMENT +
(LSB p. 160)


PREFACE


 The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

 And al - so with you.

 Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

 We lift them to the Lord.

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

 It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Visitors, please see the inside front cover of the bulletin for an explanation of our communion practice. Also, 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.

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
A - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN: “O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God”

1. O breathe on me, O breath of God, Fill
2. O breathe on me, O breath of God, Un -
3. O breathe on me, O breath of God, My
4. O breathe on me, O breath of God, So

me with life a - new, That I may love the
til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is
will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
shall I nev - er die, But live with you the


things you love, And do what you would do.
one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Handbells: 8:00 “Were You There” - arr. Sondra Tucker

“The Lamb” - LSB #547

POST- COMMUNION COLLECT
Amen.

BENEDICTION



P 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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: “Amazing Grace” - LSB #744

- 1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far,
His grace will see me home.
- 4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
in heaven's joy and peace.
- 5. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

Postlude

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