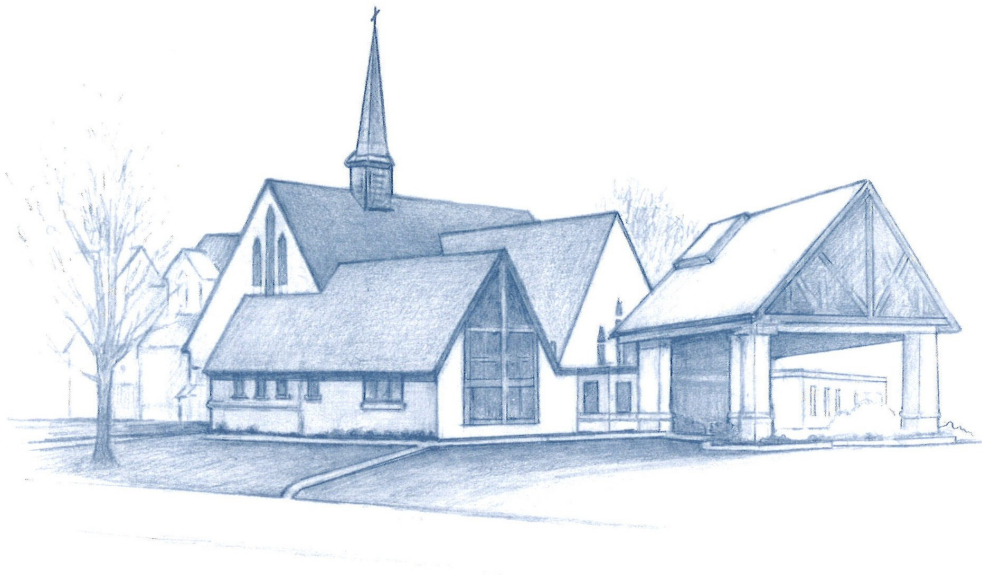


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- congregation stands.



- 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 "wobble room," you may move to the Wobble 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.

Today is also the commemoration of Ambrose of Milan, pastor and hymnwriter. Born in Trier in AD 340, he was one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church (with Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great). He was a prolific author of hymns, the most common of which is Veni, Redemptor Gentium ("Savior of the Nations, Come"). His name is also associated with Ambrosian Chant, a style of chanting the ancient liturgy that took hold in the province of Milan. While serving as a civil governor, Ambrose sought to bring peace among Christians in Milan who were divided into quarreling factions. When a new bishop was to be elected in AD 374, Ambrose addressed the crowd, and someone cried out, "Ambrose, bishop!" The entire gathering gave their support. This acclaim of Ambrose, a thirty-four-year-old catechumen, led to his Baptism on December 7, after which he was consecrated bishop of Milan. A strong defender of the faith, Ambrose convinced the Roman emperor Gratian in AD 379 to forbid the Arian heresy in the West. At Ambrose's urging, Gratian's successor, Theodosius, also publicly opposed Arianism. Ambrose died on Good Friday, April 4, 397. As a courageous doctor and musician he upheld the truth of God's Word.

Pre-service music Handbells: 8:00 “People, Look East” - arr. Linda Lamb
10:30 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” - arr. M. L. Thompson

Order of Service

(Adapted from Divine Service Two - *Lutheran Service Book* p. 167)



HYMN: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” - *LSB* #348

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 40:3*

In the wilderness
 prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert
 a highway for our God.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, when John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, he proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
(Matthew 3:2) **We humbly ask, O Lord, that You would work repentance in our hearts today. With sorrow over our sin, we ask that You grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may turn from the sin that hinders Your kingdom from coming. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
Amen.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." *Romans 15:13*

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.



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the Lord.
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GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

(Luke 3:4b, 6)

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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.

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

HYMN: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" - LSB #359



THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering

8:00 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
- arr. Sandra Riddell Wagner

Did you know that your offering provides financial support to families sending their children to Faith Christian Preschool?

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 -

san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He that comes

— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

“What Feast of Love” (sung to the tune of “What Child is This?”)

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh see and hear and sing! The word of God is given!
3. What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the sweetest wine from heaven.
Oh taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Handbells: 8:00 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - arr. Michael Helman
10:30 “Sussex Carol” and “Bring a Torch” - arr. M. L. Thompson

“The Night Will Soon Be Ending” - LSB #337



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" - LSB #345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Postlude "Savior of the Nations, Come" - J. S. Bach

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Advent and Christmas Season Service Schedule

Midweek Services (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)

December 3, 10, and 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