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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**.

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

## *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.

## **Prelude**

HYMN: "Great God of Mercy"

1. Great God of mer - cy, God of con - so -  
 2. Je - sus Re - deem - er, Lord of all cre -  
 3. Joy - giv - ing Spir - it, be our light in  
 4. God in three per - sons, Trin - i - ty e -

la - tion, Look on your peo - ple, gath - ered here to  
 a - tion, Come as our Sav - ior, Je - sus, friend of  
 dark - ness, Come to be - friend us, help us bear our  
 ter - nal, Come to re - new us, fill your Church with

praise you: Pit - y our weak - ness, come in pow'r to  
 sin - ners: Grant us for - give - ness, lift our down - cast  
 bur - dens: Give us true cour - age, breathe your peace a -  
 glo - ry: Grant us your heal - ing, pledge of res - ur -

aid us, Source of all bless - ing.  
 spir - it, Heal us and save us.  
 round us, Stay with us al - ways.  
 rec - tion, Fore - taste of heav - en.

## **i** 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.**

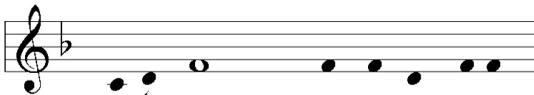


Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.

## **i** 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



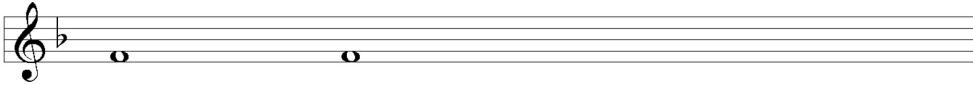
A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C: Lord, have mer-cy



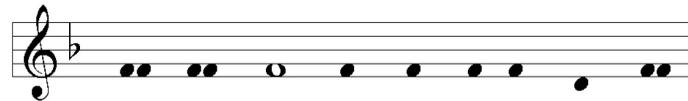
A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy



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

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church, that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## READINGS

### Old Testament

### Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

**Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

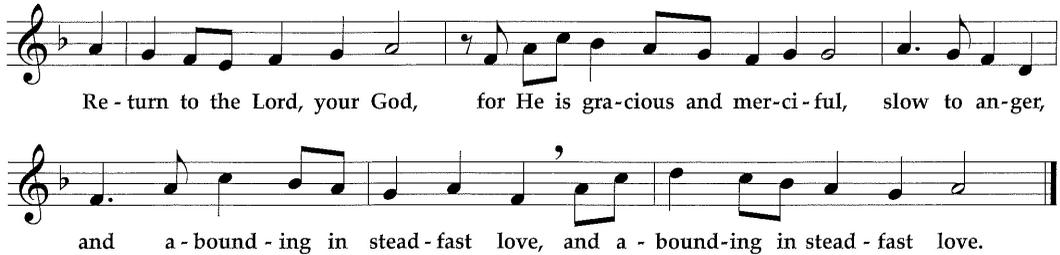
Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

8:00 and Monday



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger,  
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

10:30 Then Jesus said to him: "Begone, Satan!  
Begone, for it is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God  
and Him alone shall you serve.'" Jan Bender  
*Matthew 4:10 RSV*

The Holy Gospel, according to St Matthew, the fourth chapter:  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to 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, Tempted in the Desert"



1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,  
 2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,  
 3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain  
 4. When we face tempt - ta - tion's pow - er,



Lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread:  
 High a - bove its an - cient wall:  
 By the lure of vast do - main:  
 Lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread,



"Use your pow'r," the tempt - er tells him;  
 "Throw your - self from loft - y tur - ret;  
 "Fall be - fore me! Be my ser - vant!  
 Christ, who knew the tempt - er's ho - ur,



"Turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!"  
 An - gels wait to break your fall!"  
 Glo - ry, fame, you're sure to gain!"  
 Come and be our liv - ing bread.



"Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,  
 Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,  
 Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion,  
 By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us



"Can the hu - man heart be filled.  
 Feats that fick - le crowds re - quest:  
 Turns his eyes an - oth - er way:  
 Lest we fall, your 10 trust be - tray.



On - ly by the Word that calls us  
“God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us,  
“God a - lone de - serves our hom - age!  
Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es,



Is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!”  
We must nev - er vain - ly test.”  
God a - lone will I o - bey!”  
Be the Word we hear, o - bey.

 SERMON: Pastor Joshua Errer

## Gathering of the Offering

*Did you know that your offering provides a space for Christian fellowship and the mutual encouragement of those who believe as they live the Christian life.*

*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.*

Scan to Give



**OFFERTORY: "Create in Me" (Ps. 51:1-12)**

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.

**i PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**+ SACRAMENT +**  
(LSB p. 160)

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

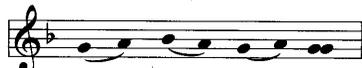


**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS



**C** 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.





## COMMUNION HYMNS

8:00 Adult Choir: *Kyrie* - Andrea Klouse  
*Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy*  
*Christe eleison Christ, have mercy*  
*Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy*

**“Christ, the Life of All the Living” - LSB #420**  
(stanzas 1-4; organ interlude; stanzas 5-7)

**“On Eagle’s Wings” - LSB #727**



## POST- COMMUNION COLLECT

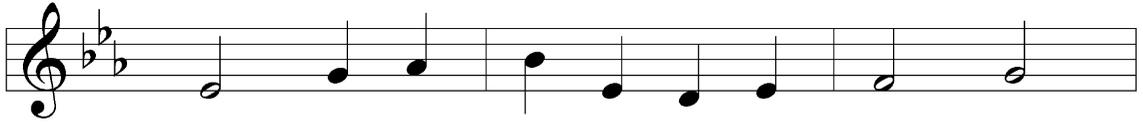
**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**HYMN: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" - LSB #418**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

**Postlude**

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