



Palm Sunday

Welcome in the Name of the Lord!

Alive in Christ to share life in Christ



Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church! It is an honor and a privilege for us to have you here and to serve you with the Word of God. We pray that our time together may build each of us up in faith in Jesus Christ and encourage us in our service to Him in our lives.



In this bulletin you will find the order of worship we will use today. There is also an insert with more details about the service and announcements. Please take the insert home with you and leave this bulletin here to be used again.



We are thrilled to have your little ones in church; Jesus Himself said “Let the little children come to me.” We understand that those little ones can become unruly. If you find it necessary to step out momentarily, you can follow the service on the TV in the fellowship hall.



A Note to Our Visitors Concerning the Lord's Supper

Today our church will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. The Bible tells us that this meal is a precious medicine for the soul where we receive Jesus' actual body and blood. While medicine can be beneficial if administered correctly, it can also be quite dangerous. The same is true of the Lord's Supper. It offers forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. However, the Bible says, “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.” For this reason we request that if you are not a member of this church, you speak with the pastor before joining us in the Lord's Supper. We thank you for respecting our practice.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, My Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also, from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen!

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Ⓞ: *What does God tell me about myself in His holy Word?*

Ⓐ: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only His punishment.

Ⓞ: *What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?*

Ⓐ: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard His Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Ⓞ: *When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve His punishment, what should I do?*

Ⓐ: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for His mercy and forgiveness.

Ⓞ: *How do I receive His gracious forgiveness?*

Ⓐ: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Ⓞ: *What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am His?*

Ⓐ: In Holy Communion He gives me His body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with Him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about His love for me, gives me His own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of Heaven.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to Your table to receive the precious food of Your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in You as You remain in me, so that I bear fruit in devoted service to You and in acts of kindness to others. Amen!

The Invocation



- Ⓟ The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!
- Ⓢ **And also with you!**

The Liturgy for Palm Sunday



- Ⓟ Behold, your Savior comes!
- Ⓢ **Let us sing with joy to the Lord!**
- Ⓟ Let us come before Him with thanksgiving!
- Ⓢ **Let us worship Him with songs of joy!**
- Ⓟ See, your King comes to you,
- Ⓢ **Righteous and having salvation.**
- Ⓟ We call out to Him: “Hosanna! Save us, O Lord!”
- Ⓢ **Hosanna to the Son of David!**
- Ⓟ Hosanna in the highest!
- Ⓢ **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

The Opening Hymn



Please see the screen for the words of the Opening Hymn. The hymns used in worship are also found in Christian Worship, the red hymnal in our pews, or printed on an insert. We will sing the hymn as directed.

The Distribution of the Palm Branches



The ushers will distribute the palm branches to the congregation during the opening hymn.

The Confession of Sins



- Ⓟ O God, we are unable to approach You because of our sin. In love, You came to us in the person of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross, so that we might become heirs of eternal life. Father in Heaven, hear us now as we confess our sins to You.

The Confession of Sins



- © Lord God, we confess before You all of our sins which separate us from You. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, our words and our actions. Our sin causes us to cry out to You: “Hosanna!” Save us, O Lord!

The Absolution



- Ⓟ Jesus gave His life to pay the price for your sin. Because your King came and died for you, you are forgiven. Therefore in the place of and at the command of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- © Amen! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

The Hymn of Praise



Please see the screen for the words of the Hymn of Praise. The hymns used in worship are also found in Christian Worship, the red hymnal in our pews, or printed on an insert.

The Prayer of the Day



- Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
© And also with you.
Ⓟ Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take away our burdens and suffer death on the cross. Grant that we would share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

- © Amen!

The Spreading of the Palm Branches



After the prayer, please place the palm branches in the aisle as we prepare for Jesus to come to us in His Word.

The First Lesson



You will find the First Lesson on the screen as well as on page two of the bulletin insert. After the lesson, the pastor says:

- Ⓟ Brothers and sisters, this is the Word of God.
- Ⓢ **Hosanna in the highest!**

The Psalm of the Day



Please see the screen for the Psalm of the Day. You may also find it in the front part of the hymnal. The pastor and the congregation will sing the Psalm of the Day as announced by the pastor.

The Second Lesson



You will find the Second Lesson on the screen as well as on page three of the bulletin insert. After the lesson, the pastor says:

- Ⓟ Brothers and sisters, this is the Word of God.
- Ⓢ **Hosanna in the highest!**

The Gospel Canticle



The the choir or the congregation will sing a canticle to introduce the Gospel of our Lord. The canticle will be sung as directed.

The Gospel Annunciation



- Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to Saint _____, chapter _____.
- Ⓢ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

The Gospel of Our Lord



You will find the Gospel on the screen as well as on page four of the bulletin insert. After the reading of the Gospel, the Pastor says:

- Ⓟ This is the Gospel of our Lord!
- Ⓢ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

The Children's Message



We invite the children to the front of the church for a message especially for them from the Word of God.

The Hymn of the Day



Please see the screen for the words of the Hymn of the Day. The hymns used in worship are also found in Christian Worship, the red hymnal in our pews, or printed on an insert.

The Sermon



The pastor preaches a sermon based on one of the texts used in the worship service. Please turn to page five of the bulletin insert for some notes about the pastor's message.

The Confession of Our Faith: *We All Believe in One True God*



- 1. We all believe in one true God,
Father Son and Holy Ghost.
Ever present help in need,
Praised by all the Heav'nly host,
By Whose mighty pow'r alone
All is made and wrought and done.**
- 2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won.
By Whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**
- 3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity,
Hear our praise eternally!**

The Offering



One way that the members of Faith worship God is by giving generous monetary offerings to thank Him for His many blessings. If you are visiting and would like to participate in the offering, feel free to do so. But please do not feel that you are obligated to contribute; you are our guest. We thank you for the opportunity to share God's Word with you!

The Prayer of the Church



- Ⓟ With hosannas we come before You, Lord God Almighty!
- Ⓢ **We praise You for sending us Your Son as the King Who came in Your name to establish peace between Heaven and earth.**
- Ⓟ Lord Jesus, King of our hearts and lives: We praise You for Your willingness to go up to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday in order to suffer the penalty which our sins had earned.
- Ⓢ **Receive our thanks and praise today for conquering our greatest enemies—sin, Satan, and death.**
- Ⓟ Be with Your church here and throughout the world, that during this holy week we may joyfully proclaim Jesus Who humbled Himself even to point of death that all might have life in Him.
- Ⓢ **Give us opportunities in our everyday lives to tell the story of Your love for us and for the world.**
- Ⓟ Root our hope and assurance in Your great sacrifice for our sin, by which we now are completely forgiven, declared holy, and adopted as dear children of God.
- Ⓢ **Remove any false hopes of saving ourselves which we still might have and give us plain trust in You alone.**
- Ⓟ We honor You Who came to our world to be our humble and victorious King. Grant us a courageous faith which is determined to seek Your Kingdom first.
- Ⓢ **Lead us to crown You as King of our lives and Redeemer of our souls.**

The Prayer of the Church



- Ⓟ On this Palm Sunday, give us more than the changing enthusiasm of the crowds that praise You today only to deny You tomorrow.
- Ⓢ **Purify our faith and keep us faithful to You.**
- Ⓟ Guide those among us who are struggling through difficult times, those who have lost their jobs or their homes, those who endure emotional stress, all who are sick or suffering. Guide all who are facing difficulty to come to You in prayer and to place their hardships in Your loving hands.
- Ⓢ **Help them to see Your power and Your love and to see in all things Your divine wisdom and providence in their lives.**

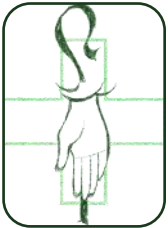
Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- Ⓟ Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- Ⓟ We pray for all these things in the name of the King of kings, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer



**Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in Heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen!**

Preparation for Holy Communion



- Ⓟ 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 good and right so to do.
- Ⓟ It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of Heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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| <p>Ⓞ holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory earth and Heaven
In countless ways recite!
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry!</p> | <p>Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blessed is He
Who in God's name is coming
To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with His blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage,
Hosanna, mighty Lord!</p> |
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The Words of Institution



- Ⓟ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, gave it to His disciples and said, "Take and eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."
- Ⓟ In the same way after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- Ⓟ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Ⓢ Amen!

The Distribution



We invite the confirmed members of Faith Lutheran Church or another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a member, we ask that you would speak with the pastor before receiving communion. He would like to explain what the Bible teaches concerning the Sacrament of Holy Communion. During the Distribution, one or more hymns may be sung as announced by the pastor.

The Closing Prayer



- Ⓟ We give You thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that, in Your mercy, You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- © **Amen!**

The Blessing



- Ⓟ The LORD bless and keep you!
- © **Amen!**
- Ⓟ The LORD'S face ever shine upon you!
- © **Amen!**
- Ⓟ The LORD grant you (†) peace for all your days!
- © **Amen!**

The Closing Hymn



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Announcements



Thank you for worshiping with us at Faith Lutheran Church today! We were blessed to have you with us. We welcome you to join us in the activities we have planned in the days and weeks ahead!



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A Prayer Before Worship

God of infinite mercy, Who sent Your Son to live among us so that—through Him—we may truly know You, love You genuinely and worship You sincerely: Remove from us all that tends to blur our vision of spiritual things. Help us so that we may see Christ, the Light of the world, clearly and, by means of Your Holy Spirit, increase in us the saving knowledge of You and of Your Gospel, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen!

Prayer After Worship

Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by Your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!