



The Common Service

Welcome in Jesus' Name!

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 each of 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

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

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

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

A: 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?

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

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

A: 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.

Q: *How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?*

A: I have His own words spoken as His last will and testament on the night before He died. There He tells me: "Take and eat; this is My body. Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Q: *How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?*

A: I will daily thank and praise Him for His love to me. With His help, I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done and serve Him and those around me with love and good works.

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.

The Invocation



- Ⓟ In the name of the Father
and of the Son (†)
and of the Holy Spirit.



- Ⓒ A - men.

The Confession of Sins



- Ⓟ Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Ⓒ **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!**

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



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- Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.
- The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a sequence of notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The second staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. It contains a sequence of notes: G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2.

The Absolution



- Ⓟ God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



- Ⓒ A - men.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*



Ⓟ In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!



© Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day



Ⓟ The Lord be with you.



Ⓒ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Let us pray.

The pastor says the Prayer of the Day.



Ⓒ A - - men.

The First Lesson



You will find this lesson on the screen as well as on page two of the bulletin insert. After the lesson, the Pastor says:

Ⓟ This is the Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson



You will find this lesson on the screen as well as on page three of the bulletin insert. After the lesson, the Pastor says:

Ⓟ This is the Word of the Lord.

The Verse of the Day



Ⓟ Alleluia! Alleluia! (*The Verse of the Day is read*) Alleluia!



Ⓒ Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel of Our Lord



Ⓟ The Gospel according to _____ chapter _____.



Ⓒ Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

You will find the Gospel on the screen as well as on page four of the bulletin insert.



After the Gospel, the pastor says:

Ⓟ This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Ⓒ Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed*



**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through Him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from Heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

He ascended into Heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,**

Who has spoken through the prophets.

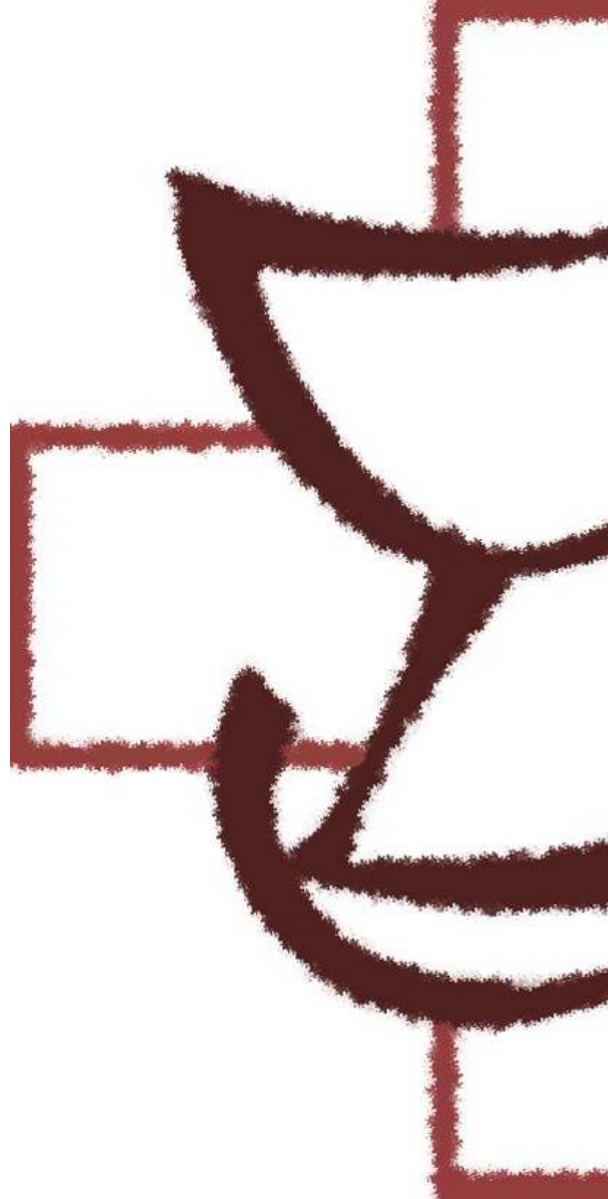
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

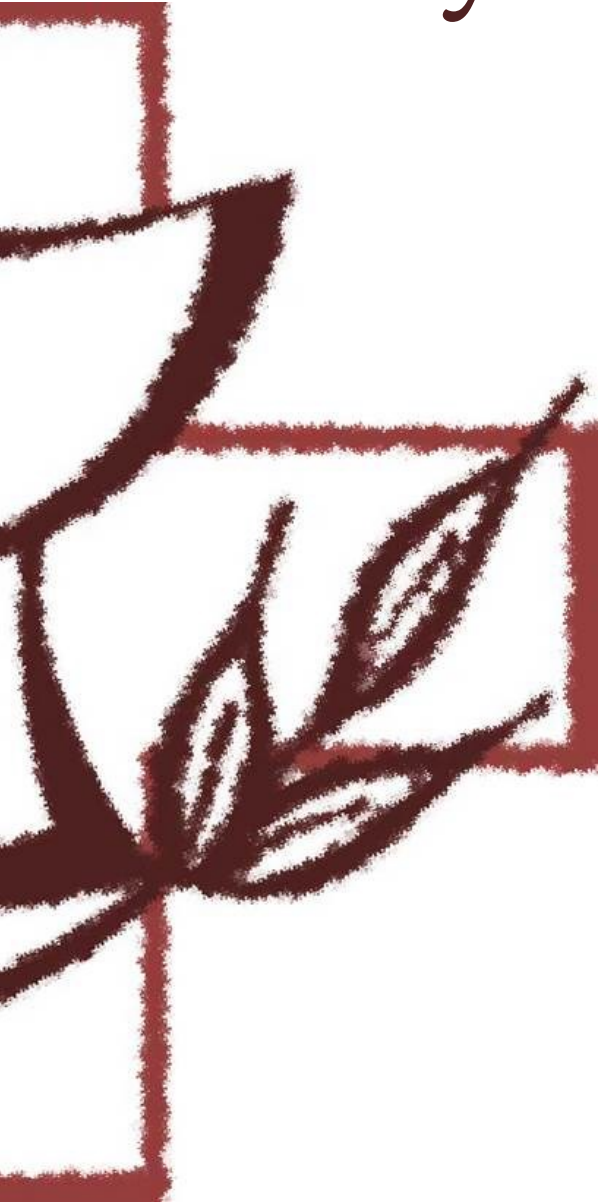
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

“Take and eat; t



“Take and drink;

this is My body.”



this is My blood.”

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 Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*



© 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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Offering



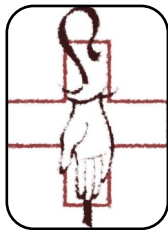
One way that the members of Faith worship God is by giving generous monetary offerings to thank Him for His many blessings. If you are visiting and would like to participate in the offering, feel free to do so. But please do not feel that you are obligated to contribute; you are our guest. We thank you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

The Prayer of the Church



The pastor offers the prayers and petitions of the congregation to the Lord. United with the whole Christian Church on earth, we ask God for the many blessings that He has promised to His people.

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!**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion



Ⓟ The Lord be with you.



© And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.



© We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



© It is good and right so to do.

The Proper Preface



- Ⓟ 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,

The pastor says the proper preface for the season:

Advent: Whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

Christmas: for in the wonder and mystery of His birth, You have opened our eyes to the glory of Your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of Your love.

Epiphany: Who lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as Your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Lent: Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Easter/Ascension: and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, Who, by His sacrifice, took away the sins of the world and, by His resurrection, restored everlasting life.

Pentecost: Who on this day kept His promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower His Church to proclaim the Gospel in all the world.

The Holy Trinity: and now we confess that You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge You as our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Sundays after Pentecost: Who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock until He comes again in glory.

End Time: Who preserves His Church to the end of time when He will come as King to judge all people and take His Own to glory.

- Ⓟ 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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution



- ① 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."
- ① 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."
- ① The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

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 Song of Simeon



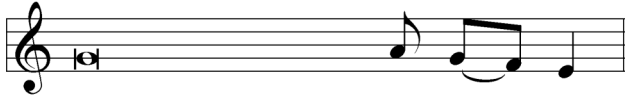
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Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - - ra - el.

Thanksgiving



Ⓟ O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.



Ⓒ **And his mercy endures for - ev - er.**

The Closing Prayer



Ⓟ We give thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Ⓒ **A - men.**

The Blessing



Ⓟ The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD look upon you with favor and give you (†) peace.



Ⓒ **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

The Closing Hymn



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A Prayer Before Communion

Lord Jesus, I am not worthy to be a guest at Your holy table. But You are a friend of sinners, and You will not turn me away. This bread is Your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is Your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. Receive me, dear Savior, not because I am worthy, but because You are merciful; not because I deserve anything, but because of Your grace; not because I am good, but because You are abounding in love. At Your invitation, I come rejoicing. Amen!

A Prayer After Communion

Merciful Redeemer, at Your table I have received nourishment for my soul. By giving me Your body and Your blood together with the bread and wine, You have again said to me, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine." You have cleansed me from all my sins and wrapped me in the robes of Your righteousness. May Your Sacrament work powerfully in me that I may overcome unbelief and doubt, conquer temptation and evil desires and produce good works and humble service for Your greatest glory. Amen!

A Prayer After Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with Your flock to worship You. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions would lead others to glorify You. In Your name I pray; Amen!