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Faith Lutheran Church
Highland, Michigan

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact your assigned elder.

Office Business hours: Tuesday—Friday 9:00am —1:00pm

Those serving in our Worship today

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Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary.

Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

AS WE GATHER In our Gospel Reading for today, Luke continues to stress the Dual Nature of our Jesus – both God and man in one person. Luke also wants to use this recorded event to help us learn more about Jesus as well as to learn from Jesus. Today our worship service is based on Divine Worship Service 5, (LSB page 213 and following)

THE OPENING HYMN – “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” 903

**This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.**

**Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan’s empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King, To David’s holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.**

**Blessèd is He who comes to us With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord’s name, comes to us To save our fallen race.**

**Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav’ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.**

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the hold, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession. I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE KYRIE - "Kyrie! God, Father" (942)



Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, You a - bound in gra - cious love,



Of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this

GLORIA IN EXCELIS - "All Glory be to God Alone" (948)

All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

We praise You, God; Your name we bless And worship You in
humbleness; From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.
Of Your great glory do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we
bring.

Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One.
O Lord, the sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.

You take the whole world's sin away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away; O Lord, receive our prayer this
day.
From God's right hand Your mercy send,
To all the world Your grace extend.

You only are the Holy One And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be One in the Father's majesty.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: AMEN

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Genesis 45:3-8, 15 (Joseph forgives his brothers)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not

be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.^[a]⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

PSALM

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

C: He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities. He redeems you from life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.

P: He satisfies you with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

C: He does not keep on rebuking. He is not angry forever.

P: He does not punish us as we deserve or repay us according to our sins and wrongs.

C: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

P: As far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

THE RESPONSORY – Sung to LSB 397

God provides from heaven above, Mercy, kindness, steadfast love.

God provides in love for all, who in need upon Him call.

As God’s child you now may share, all the Father’s constant care!

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 (St. Paul urges forgiveness)

⁵ If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. ⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹ Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

HYMN OF THE DAY - "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" (706)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

SUNG CREED - 'We All Believe in One True God (953)

**We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.**

**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.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, raise forever be to Thee!**

THE SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me
As Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father
In heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace
that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and the
teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously
turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is
blasphemed and profaned . Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those
who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ,
Your Son, faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in
Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death,
in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified
daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands
we commend (insert names) and all who are in need, praying for them at all times;
Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust
in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may
be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may
ever
frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Lead us no into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh,
to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.
Lord, In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jes Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body

and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI – “O Christ, You Walked the Road” (423)

DISTRUBITION HYMNS **White Song Book**

Break Thou The Bread of Life pg.20

Father, I Adore You pg. 6

Thy Loving Kindness pg. 8

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Your and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: Amen

THE CLOSING HYMN - “Thine Forever, God of Love” (687)