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Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: worshipping, welcoming, and serving in Christ's name. We are a Christ centered, Bible reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everyone between. We are a family of God "because God first loved us" (1John 4:19) Because you are here, you are part of the Family. **WELCOME!**

If you are new, visiting or curious, please get in touch with us. Leave your contact information with the office or the cards in the pews.



Lent is part of the Church year that incorporates a 40 day season beginning on Ash Wednesday and concludes at the Great Vigil of Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-days because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Journeying through the 40 days, may we learn new humility before God, remembering "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner".

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. "

~ Romans 5:1-2

What is a Lutheran?



Lutherans believe in the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that God's Son, Jesus Christ, transforms lives through his death on the cross and his resurrection, and we trust that God's Spirit is active in the world.

We believe that there is nothing we can do to earn God's grace and our salvation, but that it is a gift of God, freely given to us through Jesus Christ. Our response to this gift is one of love, not obligation. We seek to do God's will out of love for what God has already done for us, and to share that Good News with others.

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Prelude
Call to Worship

Gathering

Welcome

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

C: And also with you.

Brief Order of Confession
Please stand if you are able

P: Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, Son + and the Holy Spirit.

P: Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another

Silence is maintained for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious and Merciful God,

C: **We confess to you the truth of our broken lives. We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways. We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your Creation. We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast, or make room for the hungry. We have neither worked to release the oppressed nor admitted our own captivities. Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.**

P: God who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hears the cries of all who plead for mercy and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus to announce the Good News of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt, or broken by shame, that they might praise God and serve the world with glad and generous hearts.

For Freedom, Christ has set you free

C: **Thanks be to God.**

We call our form of worship liturgical from the Greek word "leitourgia" which means work of the people

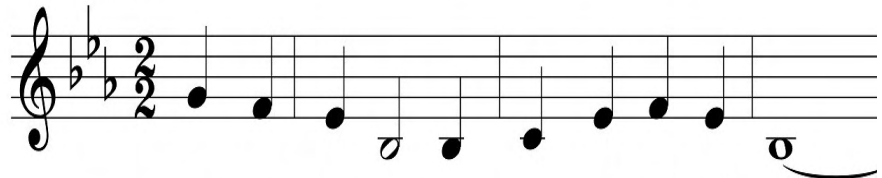
*We begin with confession knowing that in confession we find a God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
(Numbers 14:18)*

*We continue with
a "gathering song"
In this service we
are using a
canticle of praise*

Gathering Hymn

Please stand as you are able

Refrain



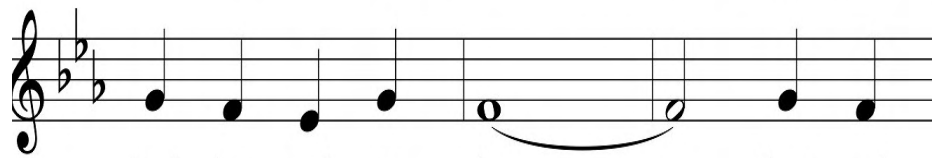
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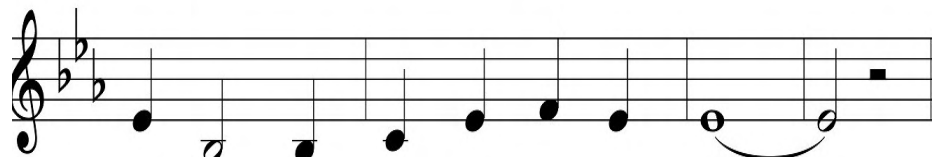
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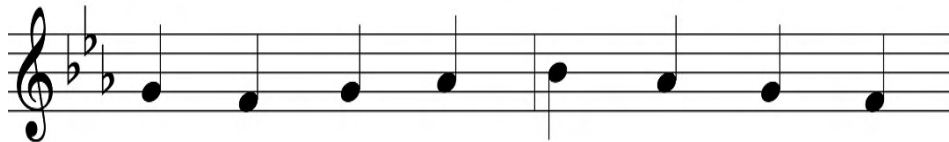
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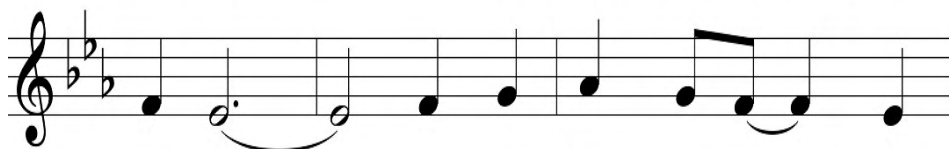
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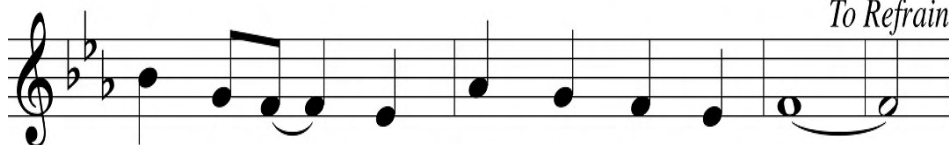
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1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
 pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how
 va - tion, come and die to sin, rise
 mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -
 Gos - pel, may we bear the fruits your



leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
 up to life with - in the Reign of God.
 mem - ber how your love has set us free.
 Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

To Refrain

The Kyrie is the Greek word for, 'O Lord'. The biblical roots of the Kyrie are found in 1 Chronicles 16:34 and informs our prayer both as a petition and a prayer of thanksgiving; an acknowledgment of what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will continue to do.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. 1. For the 2. For your

reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord: Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

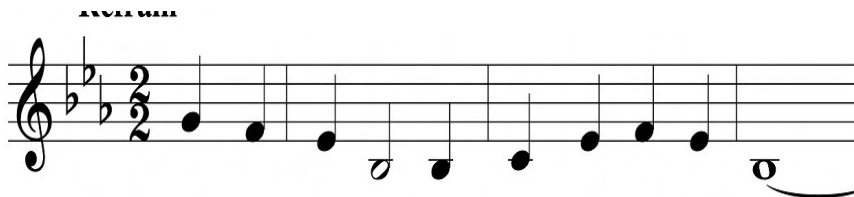
Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: A - men.

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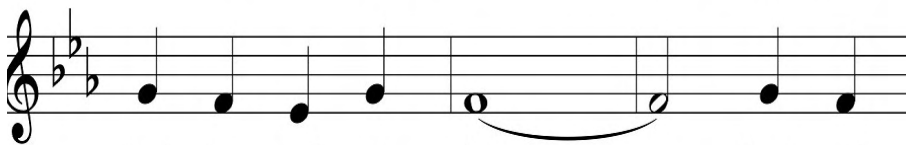
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When we gather to worship God, we do not just say 'Hello' to one another, but wish one another God's favor. We do this when we take part in the greeting, "The Lord be with you. And also with you."

In the Prayer of the Day the main thoughts of the day are collected and summarized in this short prayer.

We hear three readings. The first is from the Old Testament

The Psalm, while part of the Old Testament, gives us language of prayer, poetry and praise of God.

The second reading often comes from a New Testament letter.



Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **and also with you.**

A: Let us pray. . .

(see insert)

C: **Amen**

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

A: A reading from _____.

Psalm

Second Reading

A: A reading from _____.

After the reading, the reader says:

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

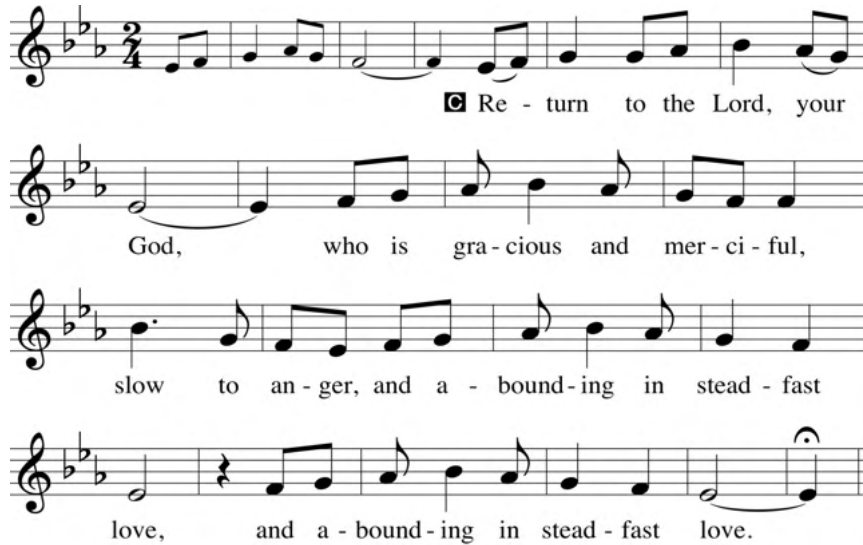
Children's Sermon



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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

The Gospel is announced.

P: The Holy Gospel according to ____, the ____ chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

Sermon

~silence for reflection may follow~

Stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day *see insert*

**“For I am not
ashamed of the
gospel; it is the
power of God
for salvation
to everyone
who has faith.”
~ Romans 1:16**

***The Gospel
occupies the last
place, the place of
honor, among the
readings of the day,
because it tells us of
Jesus’ life, ministry.***

***A sermon or homily
is shared to help
the worshippers
relate the lessons
to today.***

*We respond to
God's Word
together when we
confess our faith by
saying one of the
three creeds of the
church.*

*Grounded in the
Word and Promise
of God we pray for
the needs of the
world, the whole
church, and our
community.*

Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess together the faith of the Church,
using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Each portion of the prayers concludes with

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

The prayers conclude with these or similar words

P: Accept the prayers we bring, oh God, on behalf of a world
in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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MEAL

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words

Sit

Presentation of the Gifts

The offering is received & a special offering of music is presented

Offering "Come, let us bring"

Each line is sung twice

Come, let us bring the warm and fragrant bread,
Broken here so all God's people might be fed,
Come, let us bring the sweet abundant wine,
In this cup we taste the joy of grace divine,
Praise be to you who set all people free,
Blest are they who share the feast of jubilee.

Offering Prayer

After the gifts have been presented, an offertory prayer is said.

A: Let us pray.

Extravagant God,

C: you have blessed us with fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

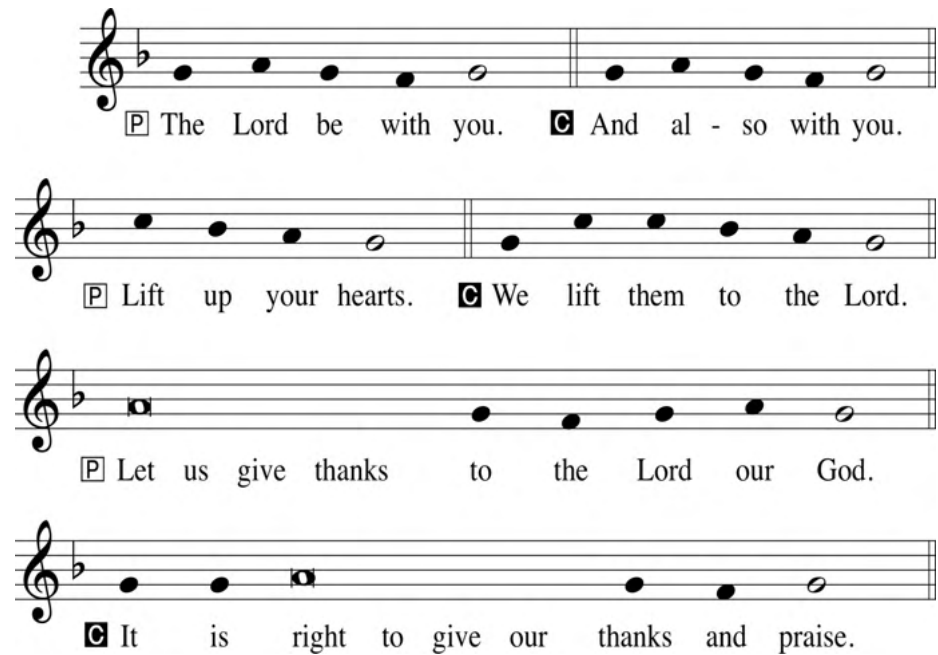
Amen

The exchange of peace is a traditional Christian greeting that comes from what once was called the "holy kiss"; which appears in scriptures five times in the New Testament.

Our offering is another response to God's Word. We give of ourselves, and our money out of thankfulness for all that God has given us, our life and our salvation.

Holy Communion is also called the 'Eucharist', which is ancient Greek for 'thanksgiving'. The Eucharist is at the very heart of the Church's life.

The Great Thanksgiving



Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes. A repeat sign is placed after the first staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the proper preface

It is indeed right and good ...

We praise your name and join their unending hymn

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
 God of power 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, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Here the Words
 of Institution re-
 calls the act
 which was com-
 manded by Jesus
 at the last supper
 with his disciples,
 1 Cor. 11:23-26*

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

....

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now
 and forever.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples when they wanted to know how to pray; found in Matthew 6:9-13, it is the special prayer of God's family.



Our meal being ended, we continue giving thanks, knowing that God's grace given to us sends us out to help us witness to the love of God in Christ.

The Benediction is a blessing placed upon the congregation as they are sent out into the world to do the work of the people of God.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

Distribution (the elements are shared as directed)

Post Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

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Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray

C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Sending

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song

See insert

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, remember the poor.

C: Thanks Be To God!

The Benediction is a short invocation for divine help, blessing and guidance; which is lifted up at the end of worship service.

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