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“That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.” [St. Matthew 21. 43]

ORDER OF SERVICE—Order of Holy Communion—hymnal pg. 15

THE PREPARATION

Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)

Hymn #260 [Tune: #611] O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold

At the final stanza, the congregation faces the processional cross as it enters

Invocation hymnal pg. 15

Confession/ Absolution pg. 15-16

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD—Jesus comes with His word to enlighten us

Introit: (Psalm 119.89-90a; 148. 1a, 2a, 3, 5-6, 12b-13a, 13c)

P: Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C: Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise him, all his angels;

P: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

P: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

C: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

Gloria Patri [Glory to the Father] pg. 16

Kyrie [Lord] pg. 17

Gloria in Excelsis [Glory in the Highest] pg. 17-19

Salutation/ Collect pg. 19

Grant, we implore You, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Epistle—

Ephesians 5.15-21 EHV

¹⁵Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. ¹⁶Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit ¹⁹by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), ²⁰by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.

Gradual: (Psalm 145.15-16; 130.1-2a)

P: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

C: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah pg. 20

Gospel—St. Matthew 21.33-44 EHV

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³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. ³⁷Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ ³⁹They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

⁴³“That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit. ⁴⁴Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

Nicene Creed

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Hymn #279 Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

Sermon—St. Matthew 21. 33-44

Abusing God’s Grace And Patience

1. Jesus’ warning
2. The necessity of God’s grace and patience

[Silence for meditation]

Catechism Review

P: *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?* **C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: *Where is this written?* **C: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Offertory
Offering

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Stewardship Thought: John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Happy 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel – but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

The Prayer of the Church:

Let us pray to our dear Father in heaven as His dear children, begging Him to hear us in His mercy and grant to us all things needful and profitable for our salvation.

Brief silence

Gracious God, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness in raising up voices in every age and generation to recall Your people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Remembering blessed Martin Luther and those who contended with Him for the sake of the Kingdom, we ask You to raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of Your people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You did not abandon us to sin and its death but delivered up Your own Son to the cross in order to redeem a lost and condemned people. Keep this Gospel as the center of the Church’s proclamation to the world, and keep us from abandoning this confession, especially in time of persecution and threat. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, You sent forth faithful leaders who protected those who risked all to renew the doctrine and life of Your Church with the Gospel. Raise up faithful leaders in our own time who will honor Your Word, govern according to Your wisdom and provide freedom to worship without fear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You continually look upon us in our weakness and infirmity and grant grace sufficient for our need. Deliver the sick from their afflictions, relieve the suffering, give comfort to those who mourn and give peace to those in their hour of death. We especially remember before You and all who have asked for our prayers. May Your strength be made perfect in their weakness, Your patience sustain them in their troubles, and Your peace console them until You deliver them with perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, You have given us Your Word. Grant that we may teach it and

learn it well. Unite us as one people in the faithful doctrine of Your Son. Guide us toward the future You have prepared. Restore the wandering, and bring the lost to repentance and faith by the power of Your Spirit through Your Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, You have chosen to do Your bidding through us unworthy and unlikely people. Keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought, and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel. Correct, reprove and teach us so that we may reflect Your Word and truth to the world and so that many may be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, You know better than we our needs and the needs of Your Church and Your world. Give us faith, that we may not fear in time of trouble nor fall away in time of prosperity. As we have been given this day and this time, give us the wisdom neither to squander the moment nor to become captive to it, but so to use the things temporal that we may not be deprived of the things eternal. For in You, with You and through You are all things, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to You we give glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

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<i>Sanctus</i> (Holy)	pg. 26
The Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution	pg. 27
<i>Agnus Dei</i> (Lamb of God)	pg. 28
<i>The Distribution of our Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith</i>	

IN THE LORD'S SUPPER, Jesus our risen Savior forgives us our sins and strengthens our faith as He gives us His true Body and Blood in, with and under bread and wine. Since all who partake of the holy Supper are also confessing a **ONENESS IN DOCTRINE** and because of our sincere concern that each person receives the Lord's Body and Blood to his or her soul's benefit, we invite to the Lord's Table members in good standing of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are such a guest and desire the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

<i>Nunc Dimittis</i> (Now You dismiss) and Thanksgiving	pg. 29
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<u>Hymn #262</u> A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	

The congregation faces the processional cross as it leaves



Pre-Meal Prayer: Hymn #659 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy
TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today—Reformation Fifth Sunday Lunch	after service
Thursday—Bible Study [Revelation]	9.30 am
Sunday—Voters' Meeting	after service

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Virginia Butler, Dan and Jean Fraser, Jonna Holden, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner, Mary Ellen Carl

WELCOME TO FAITH! *“May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word”* (2 Th. 2.16-17). We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Guests, please sign the guest book in the entryway of the church. If you have any questions about Faith Lutheran Church and the doctrine we believe and confess, or if you have no church home of your own, we invite you to speak to the pastor. We hope to share God's Word with you again!

PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, I thank You for Your great mercy and goodness. By Your precious Word You let me come to the joyous wedding feast and by Your Son You have forgiven me all my sins. But because the temptations, offenses and dangers are so great, and by ourselves we are too weak and prone to sin, I pray that by Your Holy Spirit, You would graciously keep me from every fall. When I fall and soil the garment with which Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, has clothed me, by Your grace help me up again and lead me to right repentance and true faith in Your mercy and do not let me sink forever. Amen.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5. 15-21 The Christian redeems the time when he holds all the more firmly to the truth, even as more people fall away from it, when he all the more joyfully confesses Christ even as more deny Him, when he practices love all the more even as more people's love grows cold, when he denies the world and its vanity even as more completely surrender themselves to it, when he becomes more fervent and glowing in his zeal for God's honor and for the salvation of his neighbor, even as all of Christendom changes into a lukewarm Laodicea. (Walther)

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS IN PREPARATION TO RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner? *Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.*
2. How do you know this?
From the 10 Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. Are you sorry for your sins?
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
5. Do you hope to be saved? *Yes, such is my hope.*
6. In whom then do you trust? *In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.*
7. Who is Christ? *The Son of God, true God and man.*
8. How many Gods are there?
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? *He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.*
10. Did the Father also die for you?
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
11. How do you know this?
From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
12. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament? *Yes, I believe it.*
13. What convinces you to believe this? *The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.*
14. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge? *We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*
15. Why should we remember and proclaim His death? *First so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and true man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.*
16. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

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← Martin Luther

Mrs. Luther →



← Martin Chemnitz

[solidifier of the Reformation]

Cover of first Small Catechism →



Luther at colloquy of Marburg defending the doctrine of the Real Presence against Protestants.



LCMS theologian Francis Pieper