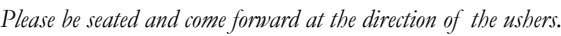


[John 1:29]

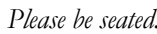
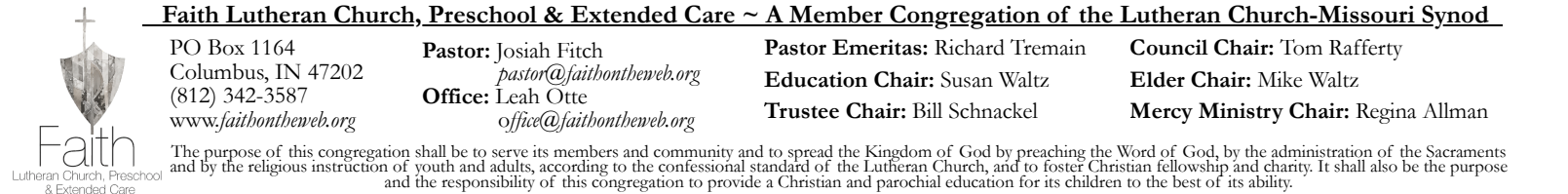


The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Distribution Hymn | 615 “When in the Hour of Deepest Need”

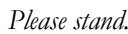
When all have communed, please stand.

[*Luke 2:29 -32*]



Thanks be to God.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. [Matt. 28:19b, 18-20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Heb. 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8 32:5]
 I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

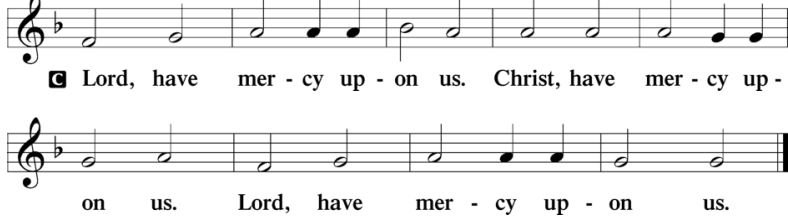
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father, 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 holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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.

Amen. [John 20:19-23]

[Mark 10:47]



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By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23-26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27-28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that he may have mercy on all” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the women’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from his table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26-27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in his house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

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[Luke 2:14; John 1:2



Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with You.
And with thy spirit. [2 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your son our Lord, who lives and reins with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Today’s Readings from God’s Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah 56:1, 6-8.

¹ Thus says the Lord:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance revealed...
⁶ “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the hame of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant -
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”
⁸ The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Epistle Reading is from Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28, 32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! ² For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew...

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?...

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience that he may have mercy on all.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 15:22-23.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “ Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be is done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Our Confession of Faith

*Together we confess the **Apostle’s Creed.** (Located Inside Back of Hymnal)*

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

The children are invited to come forward for a message by Pastor Fitch.

Hymn of the Day | 653 “In Christ There is No East or West”

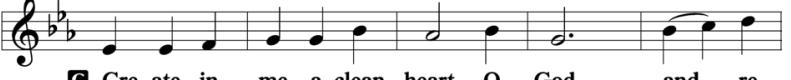
Sermon

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Offertory

[Psalm 51:10-12]



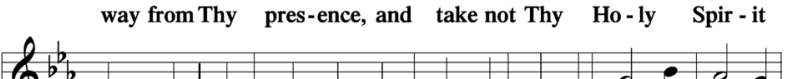
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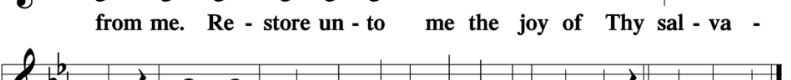
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from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Please be seated.

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Please stand.

Prayers of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*After each petition, the pastor will say, “... Let us pray to the Lord;” the congregation responds “**Lord have mercy.**”*

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit. [2 Timothy 4:22]
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do. [Psalm 136]

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, hold Lord, almighty Father everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

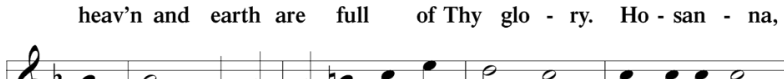
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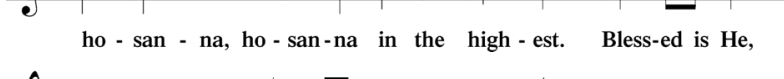
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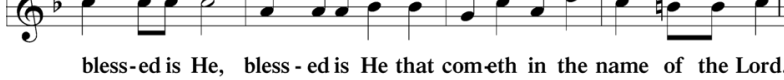
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ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Lord’s Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13]

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.

The Words of Our Lord

[Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luck 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 22:23-25]

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.”

Pax Domini

[John 20:19]

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.