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After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you [1 Peter 5.10 EHV]

Welcome to Faith! God's House is your home. The members of Faith Lutheran are glad to have you join us as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is where we find our source of forgiveness and life before God. It is our prayer that you also may rejoice in the precious message of the Gospel of our Lord: *"But God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us with such a great love. He made us who were dead in sins alive with Christ. You have been saved by grace"* (Eph. 2. 4, 5). Visitors, please be sure to sign the Guest Book in the entry. Pastor Grabenhofer stands ready to serve you in any way consistent with his office.

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THE PREPARATION

- Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)
- Prelude—Voluntary in A on Old Hundredth
- Hymn #314 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
- Invocation hymnal pg. 15
- Confession/ Absolution pg. 15-16

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

Introit: (Psalm 22.26a; 107. 1, 5, 6, 8, 9)

- P** The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
- C** Those who seek Him will praise the Lord.
- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!
- C** For His mercy endures forever.
- P** Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
- C** Then they cried out to the Lord in their troubles.
- P** And He delivered them out of their distresses.
- C** Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,
- P** and His wonderful works to the children of men!

C For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

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

O God, Your never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth. We humbly beseech You to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Epistle— **Romans 6.19-23** EHV

¹⁹(I am speaking in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh.) Indeed, just as you offered your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, resulting in more lawlessness, so now offer your members in the same way as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. ²¹So what kind of fruit did you have then? They were things of which you are now ashamed. Yes, the final result of those things is death. ²²But now, since you were set free from sin and have become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification—and the final result is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual: (Psalm 34.11, 5; 47.1)

- P** Come, you children, listen to me;
- C** I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- P** They looked to Him and were radiant,
- C** and their faces were not ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P** Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
- C** Shout to God with the voice of triumph. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah pg. 20

Gospel—St. Mark 8.1-9 EHV

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In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, ²“I feel compassion for the crowd because they have already stayed with me three days and do not have anything to eat. ³If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way. Some of them have come from a long distance.”

⁴His disciples replied, “Where can anyone get enough bread to feed these people here in this deserted place?”

⁵He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”

“Seven,” they said.

⁶He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, gave thanks, and broke them. He gave the pieces to his disciples to distribute to the crowd, and they did so.

⁷They also had a few small fish. He blessed them and said that these should be distributed as well. ⁸The people ate and were satisfied.

They picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

⁹About four thousand men were there. Then he sent them away.

Nicene Creed

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Sermon—Romans 6.19-23

Being Reminded Of Our Sins

1. Leads us into humility and watchfulness
2. Awakens in us thankfulness for God’s grace

[Silence for meditation]



CATECHISM REVIEW: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

P What is the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed?

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

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Offertory

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Offering

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd ...” Still today, the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know we need it. Knowing the Lord’s provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.

The Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Almighty God, through Your Holy Word, teach us, Your baptized children, the fear of the Lord. Create in us humble and contrite hearts, fill us with Your love, and give us the fruit that leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up faithful men from among us and send them into Your vineyard, that the Gospel may be proclaimed everywhere. Bless all pastors in Christ, that they would be diligent in their studies and serve Your people faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with favor upon our congregation. Bestow in us the desire to love one another as we have been loved by You, and give us

generous hearts, that we would support Your work among us with our tithes and offerings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send Your blessing upon our nation and its leaders. Guide them in the direction You would have them go, that peace and prosperity, truth and justice, religion and piety may dwell in our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on the elderly, the shut-in and all those in need of ongoing care. Provide them with compassionate and loving caregivers, and bless the nursing homes throughout our land. Send pastors to bring them Christ through His Holy Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with all those who are sick, hospitalized, in treatment, undergoing surgery, recovering or suffering in any way especially those of our parish and our loved ones. Comfort them with Your presence, sustain their faith through Your gracious promises, and bring healing to them as You will and know to be best. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shower Your blessings upon those who come to the holy altar this day to receive the medicine of immortality in the Holy Eucharist. Fill all who partake of Your Son's very body and blood with His life and love, that they may depart in His peace, which surpasses all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fulfill Your promise to fill the wedding banquet of Your Son and His Bride, the Church, with guests clad in white robes. For those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we give You thanks and praise. Bring us, with them, to the day of our Lord's glorious return, that we may all receive the eternal inheritance You have prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

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<i>Agnus Dei</i> (Lamb of God)	pg. 28

The Distribution of our Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith

TODAY WE CELEBRATE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Both the Gospel and Holy Communion contain one and the same gift—forgiveness of sins. No one can give this gift except Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. In joyful obedience to His word, it is our practice to determine doctrinal oneness by those receiving the Sacrament. We practice closed communion and invite to this holy Sacrament members in good standing of this or another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Nunc Dimittis (Now You dismiss) and Thanksgiving pg. 29

Benediction pg. 31

Hymn #342 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

The congregation faces the processional cross as it leaves

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Be sure to check and update your information for church directory

Today—Voters' Meeting after service

Tuesday—Bible Study 6 pm

Thursday—Bible Study 9.30 am

Sunday—Catechism study 9.45 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Marianne Grabenhofer, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner; the Kuhlmann family; Mary Ellen Carl, Lynn Walz.

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PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You richly fed in the wilderness 4000 men, not including women and children, with only seven loaves and a few small fish. We pray that You would graciously be with us, too, with Your blessing and keep us from covetousness and anxiety over our sustenance so that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. Through Christ our Lord, let us graciously experience Your gentle, fatherly goodness in all that we need for body and soul. Amen.

EPISTLE: Romans 6. 19-23 Not only is there an obligation here for Christians no longer to serve sin but at the same time there is also an earnest warning. Christians should know and well consider that when they misuse their Christian freedom and again willingly consent to sin, they again become slaves to sin and fall back into the former abomination of the heathen; that when they again serve sin, they also can expect nothing else but death and damnation. Certainly it is a critical question on which death and life, salvation or damnation depends: does a Christian, after he/ she is declared righteous walk in sin or pursue holiness? [Stoeckhardt]

GOSPEL: Mark 8. 1-9 Here He teaches first that we should use what God gives us, no matter how little it is, and accept it with thanksgiving, and know that Christ also wants to bless it that it may prosper and suffice, in fact, even grow under our hands; for that is well pleasing to Him when His gifts are acknowledged and thanks returned for them, and He adds His blessing that this prospers better and reaches farther than great riches and superfluous goods of the unbelievers.... For what do they have who possess many and great goods without faith and Christ, and what do they gain? They only deprive themselves of God and His blessing... [Luther]

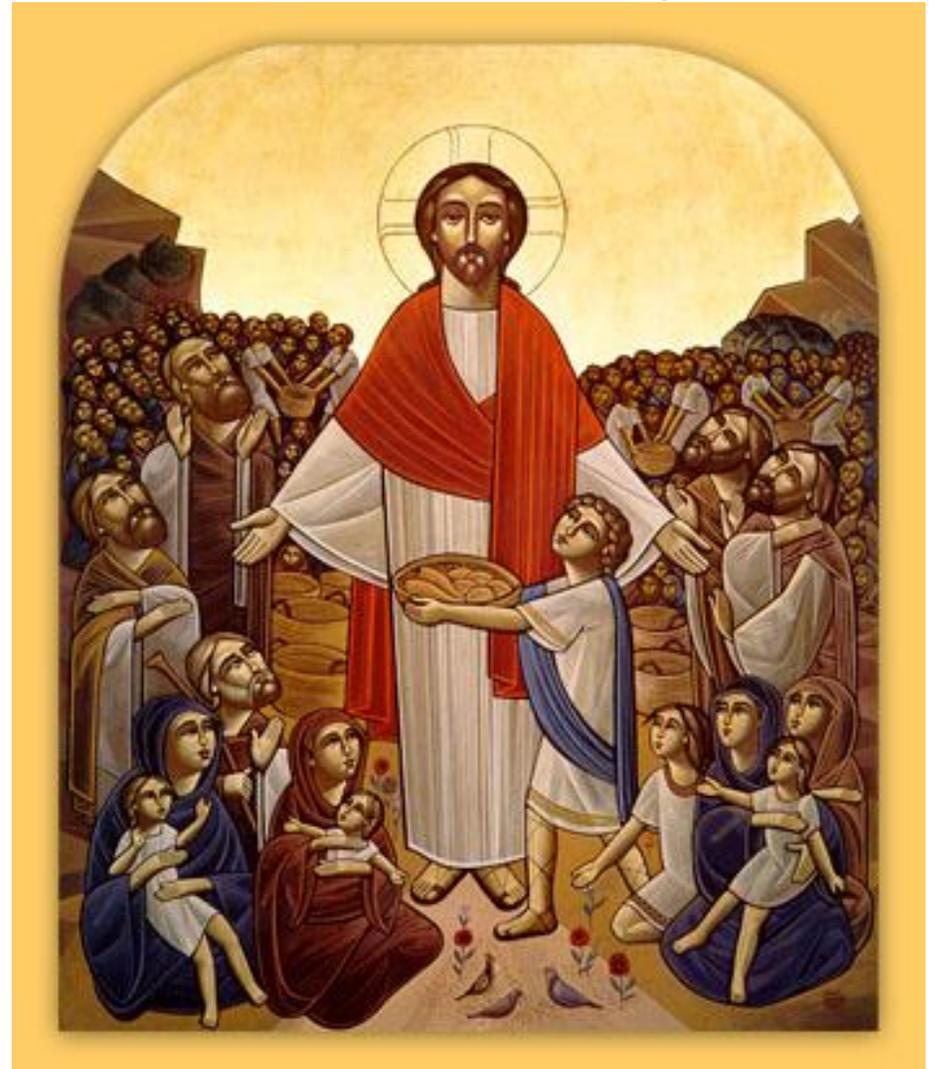
LUTHER NOTES: We are so accustomed to find that grain grows out of the earth annually, and we are so blinded by this that we pay no attention to it; for what we daily see and hear we do not consider a miracle. And yet it is as great a miracle...as Christ's feeding the multitude with seven loaves.

"I am not so certain of the grace which I see in miracles shown to others as when I have before me plain, clear words. To me it is more comforting to hear such loving admonitions and allurements than to hear preaching on the miracles, although they too strengthen my faith and are examples of the fact that as he helped these people so he will help me also." LW 51:122



THE SEASON OF THE HOLY TRINITY
"Life in the Church of the Triune God"
ST. JOHN-TIDE

"The Characteristics of the Christian Life: Its Fundamental Features"
The Seventh Sunday After Trinity: The Sunday of the Feeding of the
Four Thousand
"Submission to the Lord of Compassion"



[Christ feeding the multitude (Coptic icon)]