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Hymns: **473** **406** **246:1-3,5** **324** **184**
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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

A HYMN 473 “For Me to Live Is Jesus”

1 For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
Then, whensoever He pleases,
I meet death willingly.

2 For Christ, my Lord and Brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek that other,
Where I shall be with Him.

3 My woes are nearly over,
Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover,
And I have peace with God.

4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,
My breath comes heavily,
And words are unavailing.
O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 When mind and thought, O Savior,
Are flick'ring like a light
That to and fro doth waver
Ere 'tis extinguished quite,

6 In that last hour, O grant me
To slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored on Thy will;

7 And so to Thee still cleaving
Through all death's agony,
To fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee.

8 Amen! Thou, Christ, my Savior.
Wilt grant this unto me.
Thy Spirit lead me ever
That I fare happily.

THE VERSICLES AND EXHORTATION

P: Let us bless the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: In Him we live and move and have our being.

P: We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death.

C: Just as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

P: As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

C: According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

P: As many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death.

C: Baptism also now saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

P: Beloved in the Lord! In the Word of God we learn that from the fall of Adam we are all conceived and born in sin and condemned to everlasting death. But we also learn that the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners. In order that all men, women, and children might come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, He has entrusted Holy Baptism to His Church as a means of grace for our salvation. Our Lord has testified, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" and "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." There according to His command and promise we receive Camden Lee Fenrich into the Christian Church through the washing of regeneration, and we beseech our Savior graciously to receive him and to shower forth the power of the Holy Spirit, that he will be given the new birth of faith, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting.

THE PREFACE AND CHRIST'S COMMAND CONCERNING BAPTISM

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to the almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came to His disciples and said: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen

THE BAPTISM LESSON

P: Hear also the holy and comforting Gospel according to St. Mark:

Then they brought young children to Jesus, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "**Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.**" And he took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

P: The merciful and eternal God, who alone saves from all evil, and who graciously called you to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light, through our Savior Jesus **†** Christ deliver you from the **†** power of darkness, sin, death, and Satan, and preserve you in His faith and truth, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL EXAMINATION *(The sponsors shall answer for the child)*

P: Camden Lee Fenrich, do you renounce the devil, and all his works and all his ways?

S: I do renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

S: I do so believe.

P: Do you believe in God the Son, the Redeemer of the world?

S: I do so believe.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life?

S: I do so believe.

THE BAPTISM

P: Do you wish to be baptized?

S: Yes.

P: Camden Lee Fenrich, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THANKS

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: For His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty, eternal God, our heavenly Father, we give you heartfelt thanks that You continually preserve and increase Your holy Christian Church, and that You have now led Camden Lee Fenrich to receive the washing of the new birth to eternal life. We pray You to preserve him in the grace of baptism so that he may grow in faith, walk in newness of life by the power of Christ's resurrection, and finally receive the inheritance of the saints in heaven; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

ADMONITION TO PARENTS AND SPONSORS

P: Dear Christian friends! Through the washing of regeneration Camden Lee Fenrich has become a child of God and joint-heir of everlasting life with Jesus Christ. As witness to this Sacrament, you are to assist him with Christian love and faithful prayers. Remind him of the heavenly grace of his Baptism. Give spiritual counsel and aid, so that he is brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God. Teach him the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, and insure that he is brought to the services of God's house, that he is provided future instruction in the Christian faith, to the end that he may come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, and thus, abiding in baptismal grace and in communion with the Church he may lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Is it your honest and sincere intent to do this?

S: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you to do this faithful and loving work. By His grace may He fulfill what we

are unable to do.

THE BAPTISMAL BLESSING

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins. May He strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and † even forevermore.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

THE INTROIT Jeremiah 15:16

P: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

THE GLORIA PATRI

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day)

P: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 6:1-7

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
² Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³ O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴ “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

THE GRADUAL Psalm 118

P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord: than to trust in men. It is better to take refuge in the Lord: than to trust in princes. Alleluia! Alleluia! O God, my heart is steadfast: I will sing and make music with all my soul. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 13:1-6

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

THE ALLELUIA (*Stand*)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 16:19-31**

P: The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is written...

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE CREED **Nicene Creed**

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,

Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge

both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life † of the world to come. Amen.

CHIEF HYMN: 406 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” (*Sit*)

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart;
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, were not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;

Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace,
Lord Jesus Christ,
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end..

THE SERMON: “Lover Brother and Stranger” Hebrews 13:1-6

THE OFFERTORY VERSE (*Stand*)

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING:

If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Stand*)

P: Let us pray for the Church and all people according to their needs: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgement, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper.

P: We commend into Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.

P: Let Your blessing rest upon seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!

(Special intercessions may be added)

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed

company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Service of Holy Communion

Our Communion Practice.

Faith Lutheran Church practices closed communion, admitting to the Lord's Supper only those who are members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We ask that all others refrain from communing out of respect for our practice.

If you would like to receive a blessing during the Lord's Supper, please come forward and signify by crossing your arms across your chest. Please speak with our Pastor if you have questions. Thank you.

A HYMN: 246 vv. 1-3,5 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (Sit)

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

2 Sins, disturb my soul no longer;
I am baptized into Christ.
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ.
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've travelled,
All your might has come unravelled,
And, against your tyranny,
God my Lord unites with me!

5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring;
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ:
I'm a child of Paradise.

THE PREFACE (Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

THE PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day, as He had promised, the Holy Spirit on the chosen disciples. At this the whole world rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (The Peace of the Lord)

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

C: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy

upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION (*Sit*)

A HYMN: 324 “O Jesus, at Your Altar Now”

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand*)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And his mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 184 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
O, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 28, 2025

Wednesday 9:30 AM: **Women's Bible Study - 2 Peter**
7:30 PM: **Women's Bible Study - 1 Peter**

Sunday 9:00 AM: **Sunday School & Bible Study**
10:30 AM: **Divine Service**

If you would like to put flowers in church for a special occasion, please speak with Walter Rosser about what you would like the bulletin announcements to say. You can bring your own flowers or contact Sylvia Bull Sr. for more information. **210-260-0275**