

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Divine Service 4

With Communion (LSB – page 203)

Hymn 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,
First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender,
Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!

Hymn 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

- 2 Though the lowliest form now veil
 You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail
 You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.

Hymn 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

- 3 Paschal Lamb, Your offering, finished
Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall forevermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

Hymn 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

4 Life-impacting heav'nly manna,
Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
Worship You, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

Invocation

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Surely this is our God;

C We trusted Him and He saved us.

P This is the Lord,

C We trusted in Him. Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is the name of the Lord.

C Who made Heaven and Earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But, with You, there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His

Confession and Absolution

people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 116: 1-14)

- P You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.
- C I love the Lord for He heard my voice. He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord; “O Lord, save me!”**
- P The Lord is gracious and righteous, our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearted. When I was in great need He saved me.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 116: 1-14)

C Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. For you, Lord have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

P How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

C Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. (sung) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

Gloria in Excelsis

2 To You, O sole begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.

Gloria in Excelsis

3 For You alone are holy;
 You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
 Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
 “Amen!” our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys.

C We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson – Acts 2: 14, 36-38

Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now, when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

P Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honour.

C He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put everything under His feet.

Epistle Lesson – 1 Peter 1: 17-21

If you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who, through Him, are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia & Verse

C Alleluia. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have believed. Alleluia.

Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – Luke 24: 13-31

That very day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk? And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “Concerning

Holy Gospel – Luke 24: 13-31

Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us

Holy Gospel – Luke 24: 13-31

went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” And He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?” And, beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the

Holy Gospel – Luke 24: 13-31

table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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

Nicene Creed

again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son and together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

Hymn 879 Stay With Us

- 1 Stay with us, till night has come:
Our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our bread, Open our eyes:
Jesus, be our great surprise.

Hymn 879 Stay With Us

- 2 Walk with us, our spirits sigh:
Hear when our weary spirits cry,
Feel again Our loss, our pain:
Jesus, take us to Your side.

Hymn 879 Stay With Us

- 3 Walk with us, the road will bend:
Make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, Forgive our fears:
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Hymn 879 Stay With Us

4 Talk with us, till we behold
 A joyful life You will unfold:
Heal our eyes To see the prize:
 Jesus, take us to the light.

Hymn 879 Stay With Us

5 Stay with us, till day is done:
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory and Offering

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

Service of the Sacrament - Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 him thanks and praise.

Preface

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. Most especially are we bound to praise You that on the first Easter, You resurrected Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the very Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying, He has destroyed death, and by His rising again, He has restored us to everlasting life. 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

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth
adored:**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest,
sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the
name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all Creation, for You have had mercy on us and given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, we have been redeemed from bondage to sin and death and, by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His Body given into death and drinking His Blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the Promised Land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and He has taught us:

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 Our Lord

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

- C 1. O Jesus Christ, True Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, True Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2. O Jesus Christ, True Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Hymn 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

Hymn 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
 Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
 Christ crucified, I come.

Hymn 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.

Hymn 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

4 And then for work to do for Thee,
 Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
 Christ crucified, I come.

Hymn 543 What Wondrous Love Is This?

1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!

What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul!

Hymn 543 What Wondrous Love Is This?

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down,
sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul.

Hymn 543 What Wondrous Love Is This?

3 To God and to the Lamb

I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb

I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb,

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme,

I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme,

I will sing.

Hymn 543 What Wondrous Love Is This?

4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,

And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity
I'll sing on.

Nunc Dimittis

- 1. O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

Nunc Dimittis

**2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Remember the wondrous works that God has done; His miracles, and the judgements that He uttered.

C His is the Lord, our God. His judgements are in all the Earth.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

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

C Amen.

Hymn 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:

Hymn 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

2 When once You visit darkened hearts,
 Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
 Then kindles love divine.

Hymn 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

3 O Jesus, light of all below,
The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire:

Hymn 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,
Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
To seek You more and more!

Hymn 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
The image of Your own!