

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Divine Service 3

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Hymn 711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

Hymn 711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

Hymn 711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

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4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

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 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by

Confession and Absolution

thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Psalmody (based on Palm 23)

P For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)

C **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

C **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Psalmody (based on Palm 23)

- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
- C** **(sung) 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, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

**C Lord, have mercy upon us,
 Christ, have mercy upon us,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, good-will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God,
heav'nly King. God the Father Almighty.
Oh Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Thou that takest away the sin of world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the
right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, Art most high in the
glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C (sung) **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us the Holy Spirit, so that, when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

C (sung) **Amen.**

First Lesson – Acts 2: 42-47

Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And, day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and

First Lesson – Acts 2: 42-47

generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 Reading – 1 Peter 2: 19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him

Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 2: 19-25

who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 10: 1-10

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of

Holy Gospel John 10: 1-10

the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Hymn 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.

Hymn 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.

Hymn 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

Sermon

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.**

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Benedicamus

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

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

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 upon you and
be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and † give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

2 My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

4 My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.