

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Divine Service 4

With Communion (LSB – page 203)

Hymn 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

1 God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.

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2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.

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3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

Invocation

P Alleluia! 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 all
things under His feet.**

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 68: 3-10, 19-20)

- P Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.
- C May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing praise to His name. Extol Him who rides on the clouds – His name is The Lord – and rejoice before Him.**
- P A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families. He leads forth the prisoners with singing, but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 68: 3-10, 19-20)

C When You went out before Your people, O God, when You marched through the wasteland, You gave abundant showers. You refreshed Your weary inheritance. Your people settled in it, and from Your bounty, O God, You provided for the poor.

P Praise be to the Lord, to God, our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a god who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

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.

Kyrie

**C 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens. Leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of Truth whom You promised from the Father, for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson – Acts 1: 15-26

In those days, Peter stood up among the Brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “May his camp

First Lesson – Acts 1: 15-26

become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "Let another take his office.' So, one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these men must become with us a witness to His Resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his

First Lesson – Acts 1: 15-26

own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

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 5: 6-11

Humble yourselves, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And, after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself

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restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia & Verse

P Alleluia. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – John 17: 1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I glorified You on Earth, having accomplished the work that You gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them

Holy Gospel – John 17: 1-11

to Me, and they have kept Your Word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy

Holy Gospel – John 17: 1-11

Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 682 God of the Prophets. Bless the Prophet's Sons

- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

Hymn 682 God of the Prophets. Bless the Prophet's Sons

2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.

Hymn 682 God of the Prophets. Bless the Prophet's Sons

- 3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.

Hymn God of the Prophets. Bless the Prophet's Sons

4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings,
O Lord. Anoint them with the Spirit of Your
Son.

Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained
sword;

Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom
won.

Hymn God of the Prophets. Bless the Prophet's Sons

5 Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Your face.

Sermon

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,

Nicene Creed

He rose 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.

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 588 Jesus Loves Me

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Hymn 588 Jesus Loves Me

2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Hymn 643 Set Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

Hymn 643 Set Forth by God's Blessing

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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 Know that the Lord is God!

C It is He who made us, and we are His.

**We are His people and the sheep of His
pasture.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

- 1 The saints in Christ are one in ev'ry place
To serve the Gospel of His costly grace;
From those first days to this, our hope the same:
The love of Christ, one Lord, one saving name.

Hymn 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

- 2 In chains for Christ! His pris'ners love to sing,
For slaves and free rejoice to praise our King;
What though the Church on earth still suffers
wrong?
The cross of Christ remains our pilgrim song.

Hymn 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

- 3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;
Where then shall be our hunger, danger, pain?
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,
Then be with Christ, to live forevermore.

Hymn 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

4 Lord Jesus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth repeat;
The work that You began, You will complete.
By grace let ev'ry foe become Your friend;
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and never end.