

# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Order of Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Divine Service 3

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## Hymn 861 Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the  
way.

Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

## Hymn 861 Christ Be My Leader

- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as  
sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

## Hymn 861 Christ Be My Leader

- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its  
stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

# 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

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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 98)

**L** Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him!

**C** **The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations. He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!**

**L** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the Earth! Burst into jubilant song with music.

## **Psalmody** (based on Palm 98)

**C** **Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn -- shout for joy before the Lord, the King!**

**L** Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the mountains sing together for joy;

**C** **Let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the Earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**L** Jesus Christ has gone into Heaven and is at God's right hand, with angels, authorities and powers in submission to Him.

## **Psalmody** (based on Palm 98)

**C** God has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

**L** Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honour!

**C** He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands. He has put everything under His feet.

(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 The Lord be with you.

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

P Let us pray: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your Holy Inspiration, grant that we may think those things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (sung) **Amen.**

## **First Lesson – Acts 17: 22-31**

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said:  
“Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For, as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What, therefore, you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of Heaven and Earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the Earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their

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dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet, He is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In Him we live and move and have our being’. As even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed His offspring.’ Being, then, God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the Divine Being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom

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He has appointed; and of this, He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

**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 3: 14-22**

Now, who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled but, in your hearts, honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but

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made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into Heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse

L Alleluia! We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart: I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

## **Holy Gospel John 14: 15-21**

Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever

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has My Commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

**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 862 Oh, Blest the House

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly His-  
How sad and poor and dark it is!

## Hymn 862 Oh, Blest the House

2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found  
And all in hope and love abound;  
They trust their God and serve Him still  
And do in all His holy will!

## Hymn 862 Oh, Blest the House

- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost.  
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

## Hymn 862 Oh, Blest the House

4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown  
How richly God can bless His own.

## Hymn 862 Oh, Blest the House

5 Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake His Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord!

# **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.**

## Offering Prayer

L Bless these offerings, O Father in Heaven, to Your service, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Prayers

L O Lord, our God, You are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day You open Your hand and provide for the needs of Your children on Earth.

**C We praise You for every grace and blessing.**

L Strengthen Your Church in all the world. Let Your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C Use our ministries and offerings to extend Your healing and Your hope.**

L We bring You our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our federal, provincial, and local governments.

## The Prayers

**C Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honour and respect.**

L Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C Help us to find satisfaction in all work well done.**

L: Invigorate the schools of our land, especially the Lutheran schools in our Province. Give success to every effort to help students read, think, and communicate in ways that promote Christian citizenship. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of Your created order.

## The Prayers

Encourage our young people to see that everything that they do in their vocations is an opportunity to witness to Christ. Inspire the students in our church work programs to seek out the joy of ministering to Your people in Jesus' name.

**C Give us Christian teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

**L** Strengthen the families of Canada. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents who see their role as one of the most noble ways God has given them to serve Him. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as Your representatives.

## The Prayers

- C** Lead us to love one another as You have loved us.
- L** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver us and preserve us, so that we may live according to the grace.  
Remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

# **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**

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is fixed in the heavens!

**C Your faithfulness endures to all generations!**

L Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## **Blessing**

L The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

**C Amen.**

## Hymn 895 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

## Hymn 895 Now Thank We All Our God

2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

## Hymn 895 Now Thank We All Our God

3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.