

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service 4

With Communion (LSB – page 203)

Hymn 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.

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2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
 And calms the heart's unrest,
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
 And to the weary, rest.

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3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled
 With boundless stores of grace.

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4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
 Accept the praise I bring.

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5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

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6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

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.**

Confession and Absolution

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 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.

Confession and Absolution

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 136: 1-9, 23-26)

P Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and
he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy
wine and milk without money and without price. Why
do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Give
thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the God of gods,

C for His steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

C for His steadfast love endures forever;

Psalmody (based on Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26)

P to Him, who alone does great wonders,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
P to Him who, by understanding, made the heavens,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
P to Him, who spread out the earth above the waters,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
P to Him who made the great lights,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
P the Sun to rule over the day,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
P the Moon and stars to rule over the night,

Psalmody (based on Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26)

C for His steadfast love endures forever;

P It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

C for His steadfast love endures forever;

P and rescued us from our foes,

C for His steadfast love endures forever;

P He, who gives food to all flesh,

C for His steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the God of Heaven,

C for His steadfast love endures forever. 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 (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.

Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for our all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 55: 1-5

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 55: 1-5

know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God,
and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

P Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways!

C For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Lesson – Romans 9: 1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the Word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and

Epistle Lesson – Romans 9: 1-13

not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the Promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the Promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of Him who calls – she was told, “The older

Epistle Lesson – Romans 9: 1-13

will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

- C** (sung) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**
These things were written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the 14th chapter
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 14: 13-21

Now, when Jesus heard that John had been beheaded, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore, He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now, when it was evening, the Disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

Holy Gospel – Matthew 14: 13-21

Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to Heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the Disciples, and the Disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 526 You Are the Way; Through You Alone

1 You are the way; through You alone
 Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
 His heart and will and mind.

Hymn 526 You Are the Way; Through You Alone

2 You are the truth; Your Word alone
 True wisdom can impart;
 You only can inform the mind
 And purify the heart.

Hymn 526 You Are the Way; Through You Alone

3 You are the life; the empty tomb
 Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
 Not death nor hell shall harm.

Hymn 526 You Are the Way; Through You Alone

4 You are the w, the truth, the life;
 Grant us that way to know,
 That truth to keep, that life to win,
 Whose joys eternal flow.

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 He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into

Nicene Creed

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, who with the Father and the Son 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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all Creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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. In Your righteous judgement, You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the Tree of Life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His Cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His Cross, and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His Body and Blood. 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 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

- 1 O Saviour, precious Saviour,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O Name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

Hymn 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.

Hymn 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

3 In Thee all fulness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

Hymn 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Saviour and our King!

Hymn 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Hymn 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
 In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
 In His mighty arms He bears them.

Hymn 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
 From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
 And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Hymn 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
 God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them pure and holy

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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

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 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Hymn 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Hymn 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.