

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Divine Service 1

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Hymn 907 God Himself is Present

1 God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His Name forever!

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2 God himself is present:

Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear

To us here:

Hear, O Christ, the praises

That Your church now raises.

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3 Fount of every blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Confession and Absolution

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Psalmody (based on Psalm 145: 1-14)

P The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

C **I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**

P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 145: 1-14)

C On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

P The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 145: 1-14)

- C All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You! They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom and tell of Your power, to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of Your Kingdom.**
- P Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**
- 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 (sung)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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: 10-15

For as the rain and the snow come down from Heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55: 10-15

the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 8: 12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For, if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if, by the Spirit, you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we

Epistle Lesson Romans 8: 12-17

suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse (sung)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

That same day, Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but, when the Sun rose, they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and

Holy Gospel – Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” Hear, then, the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the

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deceitfulness of riches choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the Word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

- 1 Almighty God, your word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Hymn 577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

2 Let not the sly satanic foe
 This holy seed remove,
But give it root in every heart
 To bring forth fruits of love.

Hymn 577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
 The rising plant destroy,
 But let it yield a hundred-fold
 The fruits of peace and joy.

Hymn 577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

4 So when the precious seed is sown,
 Life giving grace bestow,
 That all whose souls the truth receive
 Its saving power may know.

Sermon

Apostles Creed

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,

Apostles Creed

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.

Amen.

The Prayer of The Church

The 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.**

Offertory and Offering (sung)

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you. O Jerusalem.

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 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have
heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

Hymn 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Hymn 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.