

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service 4

With Communion (LSB – page 203)

Hymn 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Hymn 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.

Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

Hymn 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

3 Come, holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
 Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
 And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

Hymn 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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 32: 1-7)

P Jesus said, “It is not the will of My Father, who is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”

C Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P For, when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For, day and night, Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

C I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my

Psalmody (based on Psalm 32: 1-7)

C transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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)

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: O God, from Whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration so that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them.

C **We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson – Ezekiel 33: 7-9

So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

P Fear the Lord you, His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing.

C Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Lesson – Romans 13: 1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But, if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the

Epistle Lesson – Romans 13: 1-7

wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For, because of this, you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honour to whom honour is owed.

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 18th chapter
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 1-6, 10-20

At that time, the Disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” And, calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me. But, whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I

Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 1-6, 10-20

tell you that, in Heaven, their angels always see the face of My Father, who is in Heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So, it is not the will of My Father, who is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But, if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of

Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 1-6, 10-20

two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

- 1 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
For sinners You became a child.
You came from heaven down to earth
In human flesh through human birth.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Hymn 546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

2 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid,
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Hymn 546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

3 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.
Whate'er we have belongs to You;
O keep us faithful, strong, and true.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

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 (sung)

**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 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 blessèd Friend!
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

Hymn 570 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn 570 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn 570 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn 570 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn 570 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn 570 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 645 Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Hymn 645 Built on the Rock

2 Surely in temples made with hands
 God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
 All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
 Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

Hymn 645 Built on the Rock

3 We are God's house of living stones,
 Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
 Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

Hymn 645 Built on the Rock

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
 Telling how God has received us.
 Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
 And what His Supper here gives us.
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 And evermore, our Redeemer.

Hymn 645 Built on the Rock

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
 That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know MY own; My own know Me.
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."