

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service 4

With Communion (LSB – page 203)

Hymn 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

- 1 Christ sits at God's right hand,
His saving work complete,
To reign 'till ev'ry foe will lie
Beneath His feet
All that the Father planned,
The Son sought to fulfill,
When first He said, "Lord here am I
To do Your will."

Hymn 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

2 Christ was that priest God swore,
Uniquely First and Last,
Who would in righteousness and love
Be unsurpassed:
“A priest for evermore,”
An oath God would not break,
“A priest within the order
of Melchizedek.”

Hymn 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

3 Christ's altar was the tree,
Where on the world's behalf
He shed a blood, unlike the blood
Of goat or calf,
To seal God's guarantee
Of grace that cannot fail;
With blood He entered for our good
Behind the veil.

Hymn 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

4 What costly sacrifice
 To cover human sin!
Who but Christ Jesus had the right
 To enter in?
His blood, that sprinkled price,
 So we might be assured
That our inheritance in light
 Has been secured.

Hymn 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

Hymn 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

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 80: 7-19)

P I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake, I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the Law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Psalmody (based on Psalm 80: 7-19)

- P** You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
- C** **Why, then, have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Psalmody (based on Psalm 80: 7-19)

P Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from Heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.

C **They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your face! But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the Son of Man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

Psalmody (based on Psalm 80: 7-19)

P Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name! Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

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: Glorious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fulness 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 (sung) **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines. He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between Me and My vineyard. What more was there to do for My vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard. I will remove

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 5: 1-7

its hedge, and it shall be devoured. I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

P He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

C **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me bless His holy name!**

Epistle Lesson – Philippians 3: 2-3, 7-9

Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the Circumcision who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more. Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake, I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain

Epistle Lesson – Philippians 3: 2-3, 7-9

Christ and be found in Him, not having a faith in righteousness of my own that comes from the Law, but that which comes through Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

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 21st chapter
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-46

Jesus said, “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill

Holy Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-46

him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given

Holy Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-46

to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the Chief Priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that Jesus was speaking about them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His and He is mine.

Hymn 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me--wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

Hymn 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

3 Only Jesus can impart
 Balm to heal the wounded heart,
 Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.
 Faith and hope to walk with God
 In the way that Enoch trod.

Hymn 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

Hymn 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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 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 744 Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

Hymn 744 Amazing Grace

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

Hymn 744 Amazing Grace

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

Hymn 744 Amazing Grace

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
 Amazing grace shall then prevail
 In heaven's joy and peace.

Hymn 744 Amazing Grace

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

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 721 Lead Me, Guide Me

Ref: Lead me, guide me along the way;
 For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Hymn 721 Lead Me, Guide Me

1 I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Hymn 721 Lead Me, Guide Me

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Hymn 721 Lead Me, Guide Me

3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.