

# **FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **Order of Service**

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 13, 2026**

**Divine Service 1**

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# Hymn 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,  
To live our lives in Thee.

## Hymn 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

2      And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die  
            That our lost world might live thereby,  
O hear us; for to Thee we cry,  
            In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

## Hymn 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

- 3 Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:  
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,  
That ev'ry word and deed and thought  
May work a work for Thee.

## **Hymn 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might**

4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,  
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.  
Grant us the will and grace provide  
To love them all in Thee!

## Hymn 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!

# Hymn 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who live in Thee.

# 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.**

# Confession and Absolution

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

**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,

# **Confession and Absolution**

**and lead us, so that we may delight in  
Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory  
of Your holy name. Amen.**

**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 103: 1-12)

**P** None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For, if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

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

**P** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## **Psalmody** (based on Psalm 103: 1-12)

**C     The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.**

**P     The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

**C     He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**P     For as high as the heavens are above the Earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

# **Psalmody** (based on Psalm 103: 1-12)

**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.**

# **Kyrie** (sung)

**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: 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; 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 Genesis 50: 15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, 'Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph

## **Old Testament Lesson Genesis 50: 15-21**

said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

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

# 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 14: 1-12**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. The one who eats, eats in honour of the

## **Epistle Lesson Romans 14: 1-12**

Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For, if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For, to this end, Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Verse**

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

## **Holy Gospel**

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter**

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 21-35**

Then Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And, since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the

## **Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 21-35**

master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But, when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded

## **Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 21-35**

with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And, in anger, his master delivered him to the jailers.

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

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

## Hymn 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

## Hymn 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

## Hymn 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

# **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.

## **Apostles Creed**

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.

# **The Prayer of the Church**

# **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.**

# The 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 788 Forgive Us, Lord for Shallow Thankfulness

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered  
care,  
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,  
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:

## Hymn 788 Forgive Us, Lord for Shallow Thankfulness

- 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and  
grace,  
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,  
For Christ Your Son, and for each human  
face  
That shows Your message ever new and near.

# Hymn 788 Forgive Us, Lord for Shallow Thankfulness

- 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds;  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways  
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:

## Hymn 788 Forgive Us, Lord for Shallow Thankfulness

- 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,  
That gives as Christ gave, never counting  
cost,  
That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"  
Assured that only what's withheld is lost.

# Hymn 788 Forgive Us, Lord for Shallow Thankfulness

5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the  
soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

# Hymn 788 Forgive Us, Lord for Shallow Thankfulness

6      Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,  
            To know with minds and hearts its depth and  
            height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
            Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.