

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11, 2026

Divine Service 1

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Hymn 893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.

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2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,
The deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.

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3 Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

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 65)

- P He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
- C Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed. O, You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.**
- P Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your Temple!

Psalmody (based on Psalm 65)

C By awesome deeds, You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the Earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the Earth are in awe at Your signs.

P You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 65)

P You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

C **You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. 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 Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your Creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need.

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

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 26: 1-2, 10-11

When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make His name to dwell there. And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 26: 1-2, 10-11

and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

C He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for His
inexpressible gift!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

**C Alleluia! Give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for
you. Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the
12th chapter**

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my

Holy Gospel – Luke 12: 13-21

goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”” But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

Hymn 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Hymn 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Hymn 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
 To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
 Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
 In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
 Raise the glorious harvest home.

Sermon

Hymn 888 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 888 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 888 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 888 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 888 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 888 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.

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

Offertory Hymn 806 Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His
Son.

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Offertory Hymn 806 Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

2 And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

The 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 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruit of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

2 In the just reward of labor,
 God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
 God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
 For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

Hymn 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.