FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

First Sunday In Advent
November 29, 2026

Divine Service 1
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Hymn 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

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2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

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3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

Hymn 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

Hymn 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

L Behold, Your King is coming to you, righteous and having salvation.

C To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust. Let me not be put to shame.

L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Candle Lighting

Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to ev'ry heart,
He comes, He comes.
Light one candle for joy,
one bright candle for joy,
Ev'ry nation will find salvation
in Bethl'em's baby boy.
Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to ev'ry heart,
He comes, He comes.

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 80: 1-7)**

L O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

C Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

Psalmody **(based on Psalm 80: 1-7)**

L Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

C O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbours, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

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

Psalmody (based on Psalm 80: 1-7)

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)**

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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)**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise (LSB 357))

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lowly exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Hymn of Praise (LSB 357))

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the Law,
In clouds and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray: Stir up Your power, Lord, and come that, by Your protection, we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64: 1-9

Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. From of old, no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64: 1-9

who wait for Him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64: 1-9

from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

L Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your King is coming to you, righteous and having salvation.

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the House of the Lord, we bless you!

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus that, in every way, you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter

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

Holy Gospel – Mark 11: 1-10

Now, when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and

Holy Gospel – Mark 11: 1-10

they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He

Holy Gospel – Mark 11: 1-10

who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

1 Have Thy own way, Lord,
have Thine own way,
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, after Thy Will,
While I am waiting, yielding and still.

Hymn

2 Have Thine own way,
Lord, have Thine own way.
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Whiter than snow, Lord,
wash me just now,
As in Thy presence, humbly I bow.

Hymn

3 Have Thine own way,
Lord, have Thine own way,
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!

Hymn

4 Have Thine own way, Lord,
have Thine own way,
Hold o'er my being, absolute sway.
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall be,
Christ only always, living in me.

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

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.**

The Benedicamus

L Behold, Your King is coming to you, righteous and having salvation.

C None who wait for You shall be put to shame.

L Bless we the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C Amen.

Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.