

First Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC)



To Our Guests,

It is an honor to have you with us today.

We invite you to sign a guest card (in the pews) or our guest register in the entryway. Hearing devices are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance. If you would like a Bible, for home or a friend, they are on a table in our main lobby. Please help yourself to a free copy of God's word! Following worship, everyone is invited into the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and to get more acquainted.

Please be aware that this worship service is being streamed to the internet. While the focus is on the worship leaders, members of the congregation may be inadvertently caught on camera.

Worship Assistants

Greeter: Mary Pilkington

Communion Assistant: Diane Sheldon

Usher Coordinator: Dave Sheldon; Usher: Dick Magnuson

Counter: Lisa Swenson, Janice McBride

Altar Guild: Diane Sheldon, Judy Sahr

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Here at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, we take prayer seriously. We know that life can be overwhelming, stressful and chaotic. We are here for you! And we want to know how we can pray for you.



If you have a prayer request, please fill out a purple prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate. You can also email prayerchain@firstlc.com or send in a prayer request on our website at www.firstlc.com under the contact tab. All requests remain confidential.

Prayers for those who are ill or going through a difficult time:

Brent Thyssen (Ellie Lerum's Dad); Dieter Tretzen; Greg Davis (Jim Sahr's nephew); Tina Townsend; Robin Beers (Cathi Bean's sister-in-law); Priscilla Rainey; Dorothy Sowa (Bev Novak's mom); Steve (Julie Sundberg's Brother); Jean Lysfjord; Debbie Brown (DiAnn Brown's sister-in-law); Bobby Jo Stiene (Elaine Harris's cousin); Kay Sawyers; Mark Reisenburg; Barb Hayes; Laura Hundley (Dave and Diane Sheldon's daughter); Amber Kelsey Polk (Cal Miller's granddaughter); David Douglas (Bev Novak's brother); Mickey Kunnary (Elaine Harris's Niece); Luann & Dan Lance (Cal Miller's sister & brother-in-law); Debbie Holden; Amy Schmutz (Carole Mason's friend).

Prayers for friends and family serving in the military:

Tyler Donnelly; Adam Craig; Keith Evans; Mike Stultz; Skylar Hudman; TJ Litteer; Garrett Marchington; Kyle Skeen; Thomas & Jordan Butler; Alton Helm; Eric Gratzke; Mike Monroe; Jody Townsend; Brianna Townsend; Craig Bukowski; Michael Smith; Jack Hogan; Marc Schoonmaker; Andrew Mitchell.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12

Let not your *heart*
be troubled, neither let it be

afraid.

John 14:27b



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PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

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Prayers of The Faithful - Response "Hear Our Prayer"

Offertory: Offering plates are located by the Sanctuary doors.

Offering Response:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Communion:

Words of Institution

(Holy Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary this morning. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may choose white grape juice or red wine. Return by a side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.)

Communion Hymns: #474, #464, #515

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Order of Worship

~The hymns today are in the red hymnal~

Pre-Service Music

Prelude: Michelle Hanson

Welcome: Pastor Fred Grundmann

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, 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. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: #525 "You Are Holy"

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music: "Safe Within Your Arms"

Sung by Bonnie Kirkwood-Froelich

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First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17 (Bible p.6)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 136:1-9 Read Responsively (Bible p.501)

P: ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: ² O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: ³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: ⁴ who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁵ who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: ⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁷ who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: ⁸ the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21 (Bible p.950)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 6:45-56 (Bible p.818)

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. ⁴⁹ But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon: Pastor Fred

Sermon Hymn: #674 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Today Sunday 7/25/2021	
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	FELC Softball Game "Lutheran Strong" Community Park SW
Monday 7/26/2021	
9:30 am	NO Staff Meeting/Lounge
5:30 pm	Baseball Practice/Green Space
Tuesday 7/27/2021	
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
Wednesday 7/28/2021	
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer
5:30 pm	Baseball Practice/Green Space
Thursday 7/29/2021	
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
7:00 pm	Discipleship, Education & Outreach meeting
Friday 7/30/2021	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 7/31/2021	
Next Sunday 8/1/2021	
9:00 pm	Adult Sunday School
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Farwell for Pastor Fred and Karla, Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall

The Finance Ministry Team is looking for a few people that may be interested in serving with our team. The team is hoping to have time to train new team members with the possibility of serving as Financial Secretary or as Treasurer later this year. If you have an interest in learning more or feel called to serve in this way, please contact Lisa Swenson at 208-520-7128 or Martha Wentzel at 208-520-3674.

Canned Food Drive

During the month of July, First Lutheran is collecting cans of food with the Interfaith Community Food Drive. If you would like to help, please put your donations in the box in the narthex. The food will be donated to different organizations in our community. Thanks for your help! Summer months are always hard for nonprofit organizations as giving always drops off during these months. First Lutheran is part of the Interfaith organization, and we are glad we can be of help with this food drive. **Please no outdated cans.**

Give on-line at firstlc.com or Text the word "Give" with the amount (i.e. Give \$100) to 208-207-8667

Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru June \$136,457, Year to date Expenses thru June \$117,587,
Year to date net Cash Flow thru June \$18,870.
Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 87, Live Stream: 21

Mark your Calendar

Thrivent Picnic and Chukar's Baseball Game Sunday August 22nd

The Thrivent Member Network -- Northwest Region will be hosting an afternoon BBQ and Chukars Game Night event, and we would love to have you join us. **The BBQ starts at 1:30 pm** and the game is at 4:00. Enjoy great company, food, conversation, and support great causes (Champs Heart and Building Hope Today) with your local Thrivent Representatives. Tickets are \$5.00. Tickets are available at Thrivent and will be available at the event. Please RSVP by August 17th by calling John Nolan (208-522-6533) or Kevin O'Brien (208-524-1417). All are welcome. *Bring a friend!*

Adam's Road is a Christian, non-profit ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song and testimony. Jesus unshackled four people and filled them with the knowledge of God's amazing grace. Adam's Road is made up of these four individuals, whom God rescued out of Mormonism and brought into a personal and saving relationship with Jesus. Through the transforming power of the gospel, those who once were blind, lost, and dead are now trophies of God's amazing grace. **Come hear their stories, Tuesday August 24th at 7:00 pm, here at First Lutheran Church. This is a free event.**

Regular Activities at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, and How YOU can Participate!

Friends in Fellowship is in the Fellowship Hall following worship. All are invited for refreshments and to get more acquainted. If you would like to help with set-up on Saturdays or serving on Sundays contact Donna 208-524-7402.

The Happy Stitchers group creates quilts (up to 200 a year) to be given away to local charities. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each person chooses which part of quilt making they would like to do (ironing, cutting, designing, sewing, tying, binding). We have a time for fellowship and snacks. We welcome new people. No previous skill is required. For more information contact Amelia McDaniel at 208-534-8340.

Friends in Stitches is an informal group that meets Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We sew on personal projects (mostly quilts, but other sewing projects also) while enjoying each other's company. We help each other learn new ways of sewing.

Kaffeeklatsch invites men of all ages for coffee and discussions about current events. They meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall of FELC. For more information, please contact Paul Amundson at 208-569-9840.

Women's Bible Storying is on break till fall.

Penny Power for July will be given to Habitat for Humanity and we are anxious to see how that will be used. **You kids make such a difference!**