

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.

~ Receiving as New Members Today ~

Margaret Contor and Evelyn Mac Pherson

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: Anne Mitchell; Communion Assistant: Judy Sahr
Usher Coordinator: Jim Sahr; Ushers: Lisa Swenson, Dick Mitchell
Counters: Lisa Swenson, Paul Bayless
Altar Guild: Shawn & Michelle Cleverly

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.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18



PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

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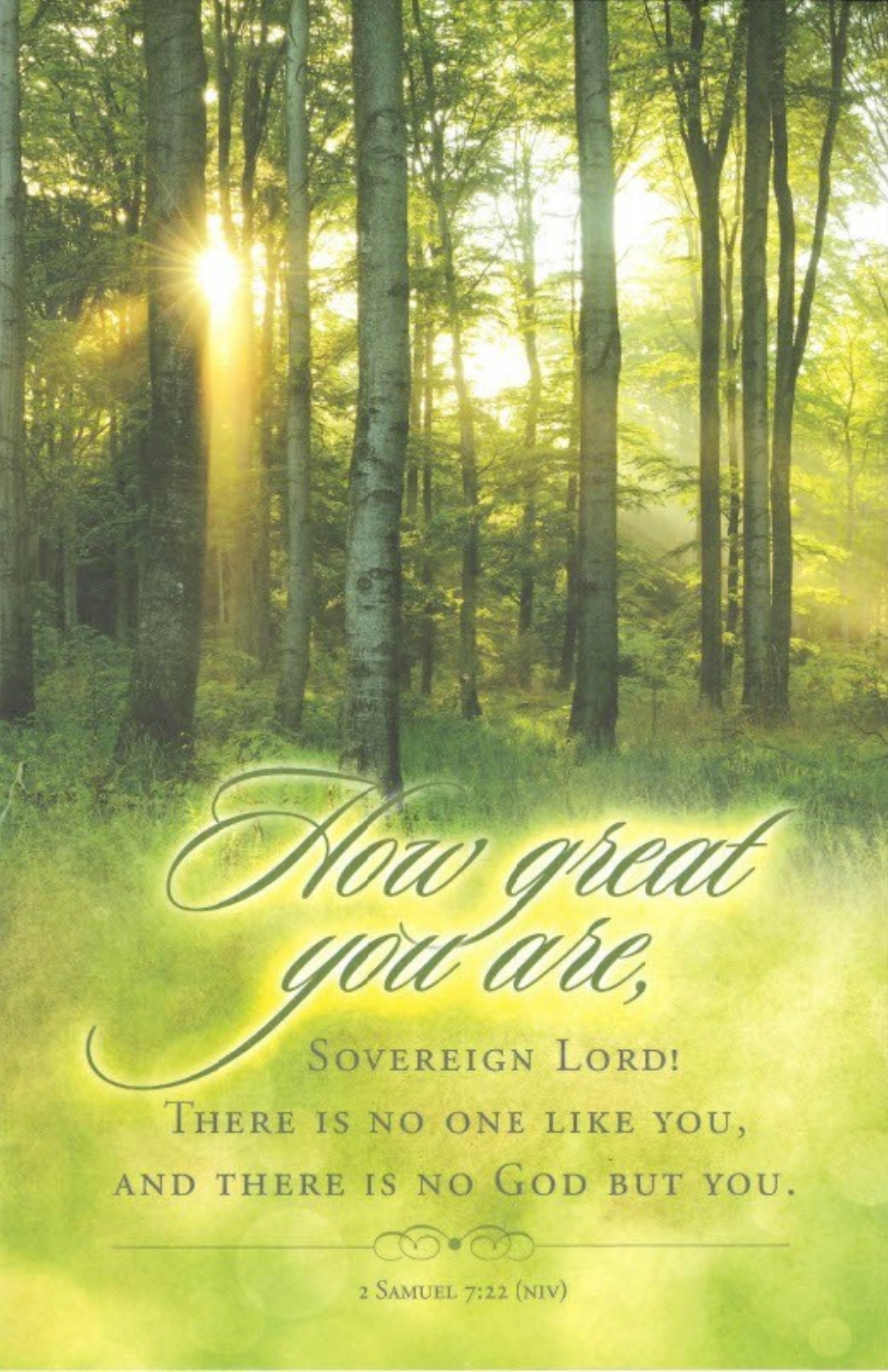
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*How great
you are,*
SOVEREIGN LORD!

THERE IS NO ONE LIKE YOU,
AND THERE IS NO GOD BUT YOU.

2 SAMUEL 7:22 (NIV)

³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Sermon: Pastor Fred

Sermon Hymn: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" (See Insert)

Receiving of New Members

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.

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: #485, #496, #491

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: #469 "By Your Hand, You Feed Your People"

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: #487 "What Feast of Love"

Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15 (Bible p.55)

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Psalm 145:10-21 Read Responsively (Bible p.506)

P: ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

C: ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

P: ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

P: ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

C: ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

P: ¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

C: ¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

P: ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C: ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

P: ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C: ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16 (Bible p.951)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.” ⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Gospel: John 6:22-35 (Bible p.867)

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Today Sunday 8/1/2021	
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Farwell for Pastor Fred and Karla, Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
Monday 8/2/2021	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting/Lounge
5:30 pm	Baseball Practice/Green Space
7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lounge
Tuesday 8/3/2021	
9:00 am	Happy Stitches
Wednesday 8/4/2021	
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer
5:30 pm	Baseball Practice/Green Space
Thursday 8/5/2021	
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting
Friday 8/6/2021	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 8/7/2021	
Next Sunday 8/8/2021	
9:00 am	NO Adult Sunday School
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	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.

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.

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 Stitches 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 August will be used to purchase school supplies to fill backpacks for kids. **You kids make such a difference!**

Sermon Hymn: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heavenly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in every land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.

For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

SERMON OUTLINE - 080121 - 10th after Pentecost "Why the Gifts?" Ephesians 4:1-16

Intro - A noticeably new direction in Paul's Ephesians letter begins at 4:1. Up till now Paul has written about Jesus being the One Head of the church who unites all things under Him through His sacrificial love and rule. Paul relates how God has even used him, Paul, to accomplish His "mystery-plan" of unity in His Son. Yet God's plan needed down-to-earth application for the churches He had founded through Paul. In 4:1 Paul begins a section on daily communal living as Christians in Greco-Roman society. Our opening verses refer to the "gifts" God has given His church to facilitate the church's understanding of Christian living.

- I. What "gifts" have been given?
 - A. People as gifts.
 - B. Gifts that proclaim and teach the Word.
 - C. The full gift. . . the Word of God.
 - D. Would we know anything without the Word?
- II. Gifts given "to prepare, to equip" us.
 - A. Picture-idea for "prepare"- *katartizmos* - Mk 1:19.
 - B. "To prepare" us for "service."
- III. How the Word enables us to serve others.
 - A. Hearing the Word of love.
 - B. Visualizing the Word of love.
 - C. The heart and mind absorbing and appropriating God's love in Jesus.
 - D. Redirecting God's love into sacrificial servanthood for others.
- IV. I Thess. 2:13—"God's Word which is at work in you believers."
 - A. The gift(s) that keep(s) on giving!
 - B. And your heartfelt service to others?
 1. ". . . a life worthy of the calling. . ."
 2. Actions of humility.
 - C. One more definition of "Love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34&35)."