

# 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.

**For the sake of the most vulnerable among us, and in keeping with the CDC notice that we live in a "high transmission County" for COVID and its variants and thus strongly suggest the wearing of masks in all public indoor settings, the FELC Council is encouraging proper social distancing in the sanctuary seating AND the wearing of masks while moving about on Sunday mornings. Thanks for loving your neighbor in this way!**

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

Greeters: Diane Sheldon, Sheryl Schaffer; Reader: Greg Katainen  
Communion Assistants: Debra Holst, Carole Mason  
Usher Coordinator: Dave Sheldon; Usher: Herm Hackman  
Counters: Greg & Kathy Katainen  
Altar Guild: Debra Holst, Diane Sheldon

## 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](mailto:prayerchain@firstlc.com) or send in a prayer request on our website at [www.firstlc.com](http://www.firstlc.com) under the contact tab. All requests remain confidential.

**Prayers for those who are ill, recovering or going through a difficult time:** Pastor Larry and Wendy Cudmore; Jyl Jackson, Kevin Steele, Brent Thyssen (Ellie Lerum's Dad); Dieter Tretzen; Greg Davis (Jim Sahr's nephew); 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 Stiener (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.

**Prayers for those who mourn the loss of loved ones:** For Family and Friends of Margaret Wooton (Cathi Bean's cousin) on her passing; For Family and Friends of Jean Kruger (Sandra Kruger and Donna Amundson's sister-in-law) on her passing; For Family and Friends of Ron Ayers on his passing.

**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.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

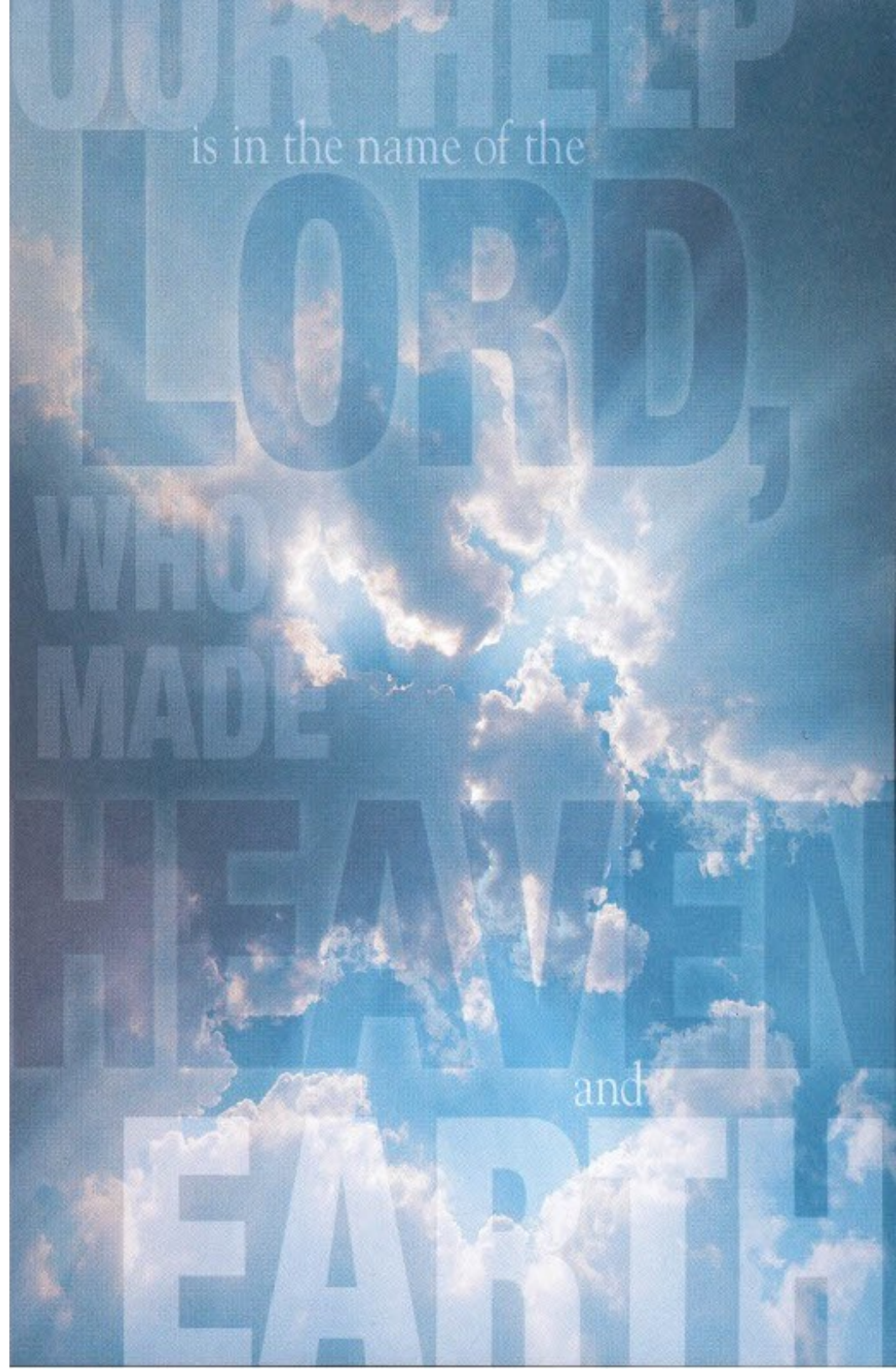
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## Order of Worship

~The hymns today are in the red hymnal~

Prelude: Michelle Hanson

Welcome: Pastor Rick Nelson

**Call to Worship: Psalm 150** (*Read Responsively*)

L: <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**C: <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

L: <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**C: <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

L: <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**C: <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn: #853 When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

**Prayer of the Day:**

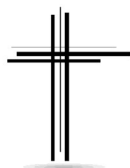
**God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Special music:** Handbells “This is My Fathers World”

**Children’s Message**

**First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup> 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.



<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup> for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24**

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Sermon: Pastor Rick

**Sermon Hymn: #692 “We Are An Offering”**

**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 People - Response “Hear Our Prayer”**

Offertory: Offering plates and the “Penny Power” jar 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.**

**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 us all the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Words of Institution

**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.**

Post Communion Blessing

*~ Time For Reflection ~*

**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 strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

**Closing Hymn: #693 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

**Dismissal Charge:**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Today Sunday 9/26/2021	
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade)
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men
6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room
Monday 9/27/2021	
10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday 9/28/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
12:00 pm	Happy Stitchers' Bible Study
6:00 pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday 9/29/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study/Lounge
Thursday 9/30/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
Friday 10/1/2021	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 10/2/2021	
11:00 am	Women's Ministry Lunch/Johnny Carinos
Next Sunday 10/3/2021	
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade)
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men
11:45 am	Worship & Music Team Meeting/Lounge
6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room

**Call Committee update:** The Town Hall Meeting on Sept 12th was attended by 55 members. It was a success and comments were used to complete our Congregational Profile. It has been sent to NALC and to LCMC. We will be including a short introduction video soon. We anticipate receiving candidate resumes in the coming weeks. Please keep us in your prayers during the call process. Martha Wentzel, Call Committee Chair"

**Give on-line at [firstlc.com](http://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 August \$176,563, Year to date Expenses thru August \$162,062,  
Year to date net Cash Flow thru August \$14,501.  
Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 81, Live Stream: 30

## News and Events

**Women's Ministry:** "Join us for the first (of many) ladies luncheons on October 2nd, 11:30 am at Johnny Carinos in Ammon. The luncheon will be held the first Saturday of every month and ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!! We will start with a small devotional and prayer, followed by great food and company. If you have any questions, reach out to Elizabeth Miner at 208-201-3623."

**SIGN YOUR CAR UP FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!** Come decorate the back of your cars for Halloween, bring candy, and sit in the parking lot so kids can "TRICK or TREAT" from car-to-car. **When: Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Where:** FELC parking lot from 5PM-8PM. Contact Morgan Pralle to sign-up: [morganpralle@firstlc.com](mailto:morganpralle@firstlc.com) **Please sign-up by October 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**Annual Men & Boys Retreat (14 & up)** Old Faithful Christian Ranch. October 8th - 10th. Sponsored by First Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC) and open to other churches in the area. Cost: about \$110 for food and lodging. The theme will likely to center around a "Servant of the Kingdom of Christ" mindset. If you need a scholarship or would like to contribute toward a scholarship fund for those who cannot afford the retreat, please contact the church office at 208-522-9301. To Register, call the office. For more information go to our website at [firstlc.com](http://firstlc.com) under the events page.

**Mark your calendar for the Annual Congregational Meeting** on Sunday November 14th.

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

**The Happy Stitchers** create 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 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 Lounge of FELC. For more information, please contact Paul Amundson at 208-569-9840.

**Women's Bible Storying** David vs Goliath, Jesus vs Satan, You vs ??? THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S! Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in the lounge. No previous study required; No homework; no tests. A different Story each week. Plan to attend.

**Penny Power for September** will help Meals on Wheels provide meals to home-bound seniors. **You kids make such a difference!**